

# 2009

## Grafton, Massachusetts

### Official Report



Worcester County, Massachusetts

#### Statistics

Latitude: 42 Degrees 12' 30" North (Approx.)

Longitude: 71 Degrees 41 West (Approx.)

Population (2000 Federal Census): 14, 894

Area: Approximately 22 1/2 square miles

Length of Public Ways (Exclusive of State Highways): 101.2 miles

Elevation Above Sea Level:

Central Square: 479 feet

Near Farnumsville Railroad Station: 293 feet

Near North Grafton Railroad Station: 369 feet

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS SERVING GRAFTON

##### Representative in General Court:

Ninth Worcester District: George N. Peterson, Jr. (R) - Grafton

##### State Senator: 2nd Worcester District

Michael O. Moore (D) - Millbury

##### Councillor: Seventh District

Thomas J. Foley (D) - Worcester

##### Representative in Congress: Second Congressional District

Richard E. Neal (D)

# **IN MEMORIAM**

## **2009**

**Gloria B. Christian**  
**March 29, 1932 – January 10, 2009**  
**Clerk, Sewer Department**

**Paul G. Bazinet**  
**August 26, 1922 - March 1, 2009**  
**Selectman**  
**Assistant Building Inspector**  
**Trustee of South Grafton Community House**

**Louis E. Kuchinsky**  
**February 8, 1933 – July 10, 2009**  
**Election Official – Clerk**

**Dorothy Juliette Pavoni**  
**November 5, 1926 – August 3, 2009**  
**School Committee**

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ELECTED AS OF THE TOWN ELECTION  
May-09**

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY REGIONAL  
VOCATIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMM.**

(Four Year Term)  
Anthony M. Yitts, 2010

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

(Three Year Term)  
Peter Adams, 2010  
Mary Ann Cotton, 2011  
Craig V. Dauphinais, 2010  
Christopher R. LeMay, 2011  
Brook Padgett, 2012

**GRAFTON HOUSING AUTHORITY**

(Five Year Term)  
Al Corda, State Appointment  
Martha Woodin, Executive Dir. Appointed  
Richard A. Allen, 2014  
Lou Boersma, 2013  
James Gallagher Jr., 2011  
George A. Mahassell, Sr., 2010

**NELSON PARK AND MEMORIAL TRUSTEES**

(Elected by Town Meeting)  
(Three Year Term)  
Robert Delaney, 2012  
Catherine Fenton, 2011  
William Kuck, 2010  
Teri Turgeon, 2012

**PLANNING BOARD**

(Three Year Term)  
Heath Christensen, 2010  
Christophe G. Courchesne, 2011 (Resigned Jun. 2009)  
Robert Hassinger, 2012  
Sadie Miller, Associate Member, 2011  
Stephen R. Qualey, 2011  
Peter Parsons, 2010  
Bruce Warren Spinney III, 2012

**PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

(3 Year Term)  
William F. Armstrong, 2012 (Resigned Feb. 2010)  
Michelle B. Hanchett, 2012 (Resigned)  
Diane A. Libbey, 2012  
Judith Meichelbeck, 2012  
Henry S. Poler, 2010  
Tina Carlson Roney, 2010 (Resigned Mar. 2009)  
Dana M. Wilson, 2010  
Charles Villey, 2010  
Holly Walton, 2011

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

(Three Year Term)  
Peter Carlson, 2012  
Kathleen Halloran, 2012  
Donna Stock, 2011  
Terri Turgeon, 2010  
Daryl Rynning, 2010

**TOWN CLERK**

(Three Year Term)  
Maureen A. Clark, 2010

**TOWN MODERATOR**

Roger Trahan, Jr., 2011

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR  
APPOINTMENTS**

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

(Three Year Term)  
Jennifer O'Neil, 2011  
Sean Padgett, 2010 (Resigned 2009)  
Marsha Platt, 2012

**BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

(Three Year Term)  
Gerald F. LeBlanc, 2010  
David Therrien, 2011  
Susan Hunnewell Duval, 2012

**BURIAL AGENT**

(One Year Term)  
Richard Perron

**CHIEF OF POLICE / OFFICERS**

Normand A. Crepeau, Jr.

**LIEUTENANT, FULL-TIME OFFICER**

(Indefinite Term)  
Wayne Tripp

**SERGEANT, FULL-TIME OFFICERS**

(Indefinite Term)  
John C. Harrington  
James Hutchowski  
Michael Mazzola  
Neil Minardi

**PATROLMAN, FULL-TIME OFFICERS**

(Indefinite)  
James Barth  
Mark Benoit  
Robert Collette, Jr.  
James Crosby  
Thomas Farrell

Alvin Hulbert  
William Kuck  
Liam O'Rourke  
John Ropiak  
Michael Rybak  
Michael Swift  
Daniel Wenc

**INTERMITTENT POLICE OFFICERS**

(Indefinite Term)  
Vincent Angelico  
John Bakstran  
Robert Danna  
Bernard Gardzina  
Bernard Lapointe  
Francis Metivier  
Thomas Michniewicz  
James O'Brien  
John Taylor  
Mark Wojnar

**DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES**

(One Year Term)  
Richard Perron

**DOG OFFICER**

(Indefinite Term)  
Eugene G. Ploss

**FIRE CHIEF**

Michael Gauthier

**FIRE ENGINEERS, Board of**

(Indefinite Term)  
James E. Barker  
Michael Gauthier  
Michael Mills

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

(Indefinite Term)  
Michael Gauthier

**DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

(Indefinite Term)  
Michael Mills

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

(Indefinite Term)  
John L. Carlson

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

(Indefinite Term)  
Robert S. Berger

**INSPECTOR OF GAS PIPING AND GAS APPLI-  
CANCES**

(Indefinite Term)  
Thomas French  
Richard Atchue, Alternate

**INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

(Indefinite)  
Roger Dubois  
Susan Rogers  
Lois Luniewicz  
Jessica Sheehan  
Michael Swift  
Terry Tracy  
Christopher Underwood  
Mitchell Wenc

**KEEPER OF THE LOCKUP**

(One Year Team)  
Normand A. Crepeau, Jr.

**LOCAL INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

(Indefinite Term)  
Thomas Frederico

**NATURE STUDY AREA COMMITTEE**

(One Year Term)  
Wayne MacCallum

**PARKING CLERK**

(One Year Term)  
Normand Crepeau, Jr.

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

(Indefinite Term)  
Thomas French  
Richard Atchue, Alternate

**PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

(Three Year Term)  
John J. Bechard, 2010  
Mark C. Durfee, 2011  
Daniel J. Pogorzelski, 2011

**RECREATION COMMISSION**

(Three Year Term)  
Kristen K. Belanger, 2011  
Heather Cargill, 2011  
Stephen P. Crowley, 2010  
Gina Dalan, 2011  
Robert Fitzpatrick, 2011  
Charles A. Villee, 2011 (Resigned Jan. 2010)

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

(Indefinite Term)

Edward R. Seidler

**SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL**

Mirick O'Connell, 2010

**SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS/TREE WARDEN**

(Indefinite Term)

Toma Duhani

**TIF COMMITTEE**

Brook Padgett, Selectmen's Rep

Marsha Platt, Assessor's Rep

Christopher Foley, Member at Large

Town Administrator

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

(Three Year Term)

Patricia E. Fay, 2011

**TOWN COUNSEL**

(One Year Term)

Bowman & Penski

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

(One Year Term)

John J. Bechard

Normand Crepeau Jr.

Ron Lalone

Daniel J. Pogorzelski

John A. Reil

Scott Rossiter

Peter Snow

Michael P. Stygles

**TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

(Three Year Term)

Deborah Fox 2012

**WIRING INSPECTOR**

(Indefinite Term)

George Duhamel

Steven P. French, Alternative

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
APPOINTMENTS****AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

(3 Year Term)

Peter Adams, 2012

Lou Boersma, 2012

Todd E. Brodeur , 2011

John L. Carlson, 2011

Deborah Kochever, 2010

Charles H. Pratt, 2012

Christophe G. Courchesne (Resigned May 2009)

**AMBULANCE COMMITTEE**

(Indefinite)

Normand Crepeau, Jr.

Michael Gauthier

Raymond Mead

Cheryl Trilligan

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY AREA BOARD  
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

(One Year Term)

Caroline Fisher, MD, PhD.

**BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

(Three Year Term)

Robert Collette, 2010

John Pocius, 2012

Stephen H. Roney, 2011

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

(Three Year Term)

Deborah A. Chouinard, 2010

Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin, 2012

Richard Kirejczyk, 2012

Ernest Peters, 2012

Philip Dumas, 2010

**CABLE TV OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

(One Year Term)

Robert F. DeToma

Mark Durfee

Robert Hassinger

William Robidoux, Ex Officio

Richard D. Schultze

Wm Corson Wyman

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY**

(Three year term)

Cathy Jacques, 2011

Cynthia Levine, 2012

Roger Trahan, Jr. 2010

Cynthia Vegnone, 2010  
Charles A. Villee, 2011  
Mary A. White (Resigned Nov. 2009)  
Jeannine Bellarosa, 2012

#### **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

(Three year term)  
Heather Cargill (Selectman's Rep)  
Joann Duncan, 2010  
James Gallagher  
Ken Holberger, 2010  
Paul A. Scarlett, 2012  
John Stephens  
Jennifer Thomas, 2011  
Bruce Spinney (Planning Board Rep)  
Kristen Belanger (Resigned Oct. 2009)

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

(Three Year Term)  
Sandra A. Brock, PE, LEED AP, 2013  
Joseph Campsi, 2012  
Wade Hanna, 2012  
Dan Kallin, 2012  
Paul Vigeant, 2011 (Resigned 2009)  
John Wilson, 2011  
Mary Wray, 2010

#### **CONSTABLE**

(One Year Term)  
Donald A. Booth  
J. Roger Currier  
Stephanie Flemming  
John Harrington  
Nancy Hazen  
James Lankford  
William Kuck  
John Manzi

#### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

(Four Year Term)  
Shirley B. Antaya, 2011 (Resigned 2009)  
Marcella J. Benoit, 2012  
Phyllis Brown, 2010  
William Cutler, Jr., 2010  
William Drago, 2010  
Doris Fowler, 2011 (Resigned 2009)  
Barbara Gardner, 2010  
Philip D. Goff, 2012  
Chester Jakubiak, 2013  
Winifred Paul, 2012

#### **DELEGATE TO CENTRAL MASS. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

(One Year Term)  
Robert Hassinger  
Susan M. Mills

#### **DPW FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE**

(Indefinite)  
Peter Adams  
John J. Bechard  
Philip Gauthier  
David Mason  
Robert Rodak

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

(Indefinite)  
Samer Aleid  
Heath Christensen  
William Drago (Resigned May 2009)  
Elias Hanna  
John LaPoint  
Gail McGrail  
Brooke Padgett (Selectmen Rep)

#### **ELECTION OFFICIALS**

(One Year Term)  
Marilyn Atchue  
Marguerite Baril, Clerk  
Sally Belezarian  
Nancy Billings  
Elisabeth Boulanger  
Sally Bridges  
Ellen Browne  
Carol Cerasoli  
Ronald Cerasoli  
Nancy Corcoran  
Eveline M. Cournoyer  
Robin W. Cutler  
Joyce David  
Nancy Deschene  
Jean A. Deschenes  
Marie DiDonna  
Carman Dion  
Richard Dion  
Ellen Dowling, Clerk  
William Drago  
Marjorie Ericson  
John Fay  
Rosemary Flynn  
Joan O. Foley  
Anna Frederico  
Caryl S. Geisenhainer  
M. Theresa Gendron  
Rima Hanna



Adele Haynes  
Nancy Hazen  
Constance Hopkins  
Cynthia J. Ide  
Carla Johansson  
Mary Jordan  
Janet Krause  
Kandy Lavallee  
Elizabeth Mack  
Joan Mackowiak  
Marion Mahony  
Beverly Mara  
Olivette M. Marshall  
Karen McInnis, Warden  
Doris A. Metivier  
Francis Metivier  
June Merrick  
Lorraine Mombourquette  
Mary H. Nicholson, Clerk  
Darlene Orne  
Nancy Paulauskas  
Jill Pendleton  
Marsha Platt (Resigned)  
Philip L. Platt, Clerk  
Thelma Powers  
Caroline Prout  
Arlene Provost  
Janet Prunier  
Carol Roseen  
Shirley Russo  
Pauline St. Amand  
Shelly Sheridan  
Nancy Sjogren, Clerk  
Brian Sowyrda  
Maureen Temple  
Mary Turcotte, Clerk  
Gail Wixon  
Elizabeth Wright

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

(One Year Term)  
Katherine Cederberg  
Nicholas Childs  
Normand Crepeau Jr.  
Chris Mead  
Janice Mead  
Ray Mead  
Steve Roney

#### **ENERGY STUDY COMMITTEE**

(Indefinite)  
Dennis Begonis (Resigned Apr. 2009)  
John L. Carlson  
John Dowling

Edmund Hazzard  
Daniel B. Helmes  
John Iafolla  
Richard McCarthy  
Jim O'Connor  
Nick Pugliano

#### **FARNUMSVILLE FIREHOUSE**

(Indefinite)  
Richard Allain  
James Barker, Jr.  
Charles Bolack  
Richard Chiros  
Dan Finn  
Phil Gauthier  
Raymond Guilmette  
Ralph (Skip) Michniewicz  
Theresa Michniewicz  
Gary Messenger

#### **FISHERVILLE / FARNUMSVILLE STREETSCAPE COMMITTEE**

(Indefinite)  
Doreen Defazio  
Phil Gauthier  
Tim Gruppi  
Robert Ledoux  
Ralph (Skip) Michniewicz  
Theresa Michniewicz  
Bruce Spinney, III  
Walter Wojnar

#### **GRAFTON COMMON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

(Three Year Term)  
Jan Berry, 2010  
Mark Carlson, 2010  
John Marro III, 2010  
John Morgan, 2010  
William Nicholson, 2010  
William Shaw, 2012  
John R. Stephens, 2012

#### **GRAFTON CULTURAL COUNCIL**

(Two Year Term)  
Fay C. Morrison, 2011  
Kristie Proctor, 2011  
Kristin Rainey, 2011  
Jan Ronfeld, 2011  
Patti Sims, 2011  
Laura J. Shunney, 2010  
John Stephens, 2011  
Ann M. Winchester, 2010

**GRAFTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

(Three Year Term)

Kathy Aberizk, 2011

Linda Casey, 2012

Margaret Ferraro, 2011

Ann V. Morgan, 2012

Paul A. Scarlett, 2010

John Stephens, 2012

Michael Urban, 2012

**GRAFTON TOWN HOUSE  
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

(Indefinite)

Daniel Bresnahan

Scott Browne

Justin Hollander

John Marro, III

John Morgan

Brook Padgett

Paul Scarlett

**GRAFTON UPTON RAILROAD**

(Indefinite)

Kevin J. Gallagher

Robert P. Sims

**HASSANAMESITT WOODS  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

(Indefinite)

Rae Gould

Edmund Hazzard

Jeanne Johnson

Christopher LeMay (Selectmen's Rep)

Chrystal J. Sherritt Cleary

Jennifer Thomas

Michael Urban (Historical Commission Rep)

Walter Vickers (alternate)

Paul Vigeant (Resigned 2009)

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

(Two Year Term)

Jon E. Bartelson, 2011

Robert Carroll, 2011

Bob Hassinger, 2010

William Jones, Jr., 2010

David Robbins, 2010

**INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE**

Andrew Cederberg

Marsha Platt (Resigned Oct. 2009)

Shirley M. Russo, Ph.D (Selectman's Rep)

**LAKE RIPPLE DREDGING  
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

(Indefinite Term)

George Carroll

Richard O. Dion

Stephen Holmes

Chris LeMay

David Therrien

Ned Vegnone

**McNAMARA MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

(Three Year Term)

Paula M. Benoit, 2012

Margaret McNamara, 2010

Janice Messier, 2011

Russell L. Messier, 2012

Lorraine C. Murphy, 2011

**PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

(Indefinite Term)

Craig Brazell

Sue Robbins

Frank Defazio

**PUBLIC SHADE TREE  
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

(Three Year Term)

Juliann E. Cormier, 2012

Nancy DeWolfe, 2012

Stephanie Lewis, 2012

Michael P. Maley, 2012

**RECREATIONAL FIELDS COMMITTEE**

(Indefinite)

Chuck Bradshaw

Donald Chouinard

Craig Dauphinais

Robert Fitzpatrick

John Lapoint

William McCusker

Elizabeth Wright

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

(Indefinite)

Linda Bogar

Steven G. Changaris

Stephanie R. Collins-Rankin

Doreen Defazio (Resigned Jun. 2009)

Ellen Dowling

Marian Hazzard (Resigned 2009)

Donna Onacki

Kristin Rainey

Betsy Ryer

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

(Three Year Term)  
Linda Casey, 2010  
Maureen A. Clark, Clerk  
June Lufkin, 2012  
Justin Phillips, 2010

**REPRESENTATIVE TO BLACKSTONE**

(One Year Term)  
Rosemary Longo, (Resigned 2010)

**SOUTH GRAFTON COMMUNITY HOUSE  
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Craig Dauphinais  
Philip Gauthier  
Roger Lemoine  
Ralph (Skip) Michniewicz  
Theresa Michniewicz  
Walter Wojnar

**TOGETHER WE CAN**

(One Year Term)  
Helen M. Atchue  
James Bryan  
Katherine Cederberg  
Alvin C. Hulbert  
William Kuck  
Christopher Roney  
Deborah J. Trapasso

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Timothy McInerney

**TOWN OWNED LAND COMMITTEE**

(One Year Term)  
Christophe Courchesne 2010  
Donald Davison, 2010  
Christopher LeMay, 2010

**TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS MEMORIALS**

(Three Year Term)  
James Crispen, 2012  
Charles Bolack, 2011  
Debbie Gosselin, 2012  
Richard Perron (advisor)  
Ralph (Skip) Michniewicz, 2010

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

(Three Year Term)  
Peter Adams, 2012  
John Carney, 2011  
Elias Hanna, 2011  
William B. McCusker, 2010  
James Moro, 2010  
Brennan Wall (Resigned Nov. 2009)

**MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS****Finance Committee**

(Three Year Term)  
Donald Davison, 2012  
Bob Foley, 2012  
David Libbey, 2012  
Heather McCue, 2011  
Sandy Merrill, 2010  
Doris Metivier, 2010  
Lisa Rice, 2010  
Sue Robbins, 2011  
David Ross, 2011

**School Building Committee**

(Indefinite)  
Don Chouinard  
Mary Ann Cotton  
Robert Foley  
Michael Goulet  
Kenneth Grew  
Richard McCarthy, Chair  
Noel Sior-Woodard  
Donna Stock

**Center Station Building Committee**

(Indefinite)  
Michael Mills, Chair.  
Robert Frederico, Vice Chair.  
John Carlson (BOS Rep)  
Chester Lysik  
Doris Metivier  
Thomas Nicalek  
Peter Snow

## MAY 4, 2009 LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

OFFICE	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	TOTAL
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### Board of Selectmen

Padgett, Brook A.	42	68	94	52	256
Harrington, John	1		1		2
Borgeson, Henry	1				1
Fox, Robert		1			1
Carlson, John		2	4	1	7
Browne, Scott			1		1
Pogorzelski, Dan			3		3
Prunier, George				1	1
Drumm, Michelle				1	2
Mead, Ray				3	5

Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	18	19	21	15	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>349</b>

Brook A. Padgett was declared elected.

### School Committee

Carlson, Peter R.	47	67	88	56	258
Halloran, Kathleen C.	41	69	88	46	244
Dauphinais, Carol			1		1
Varallo, Nancy				1	1

Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blank	36	44	71	43	194
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>698</b>

Peter R. Carlson and Kathleen C. Halloran were declared elected.

### Planning Board (3 yr. term)

Hassinger, Robert	40	59	85	45	229
Spinney, Bruce W., III	40	70	87	53	250
Smith, Vicky			1		1
Connelly, Barbara				1	1
Browne, Scott				1	1

Write Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	44	51	75	46	216
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>698</b>

Robert Hassinger and Bruce W. Spinney, III were declared elected.

### Planning Board (1 yr. to fill vacancy)

Qualey, Stephan	1				1
McCusker, Bill				1	1
Sasso, Larry				1	1
Sowyrda, Mike	1		2		3
Davison, Angela	1				1
Darling, John	2				2
Regan, Keith		1			1
Casey, Thomas		1			1
Sjogren, Robert		1			1

Chouinard, Don	2	1			3
Naff, Jim	1				1
Carlson, Joh	1				1
Mulvey, Bob		1			1
Buffone, John		1			1
Hassinger, William		2			2
Waddel, Jed		1			1
Moro, John		1			1
Corda, Michael		1			1
Smith, Craig		1			1
White, Jen	1				1

Write Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	57	82	113	71	323
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>349</b>

No person was declared elected.

### Board of Library Trustees (3 yrs.)

Libbey, Diane A.	38	75	89	53	255
Meichelbeck, Judith	33	69	88	49	239
Armstrong, William F.	33	67	87	51	238
Tidman, Elinor		1			1
McCarthy, Rich			1		1

Write Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	82	58	107	66	313

<b>Total</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>1047</b>
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Diane A. Libbey, Judith Meichelbeck and William Armstrong were declared elected.

### Board of Library Trustees (2 yrs. to fill vacancy)

Villee, Charles A.	25	27	18	37	107
Walton, Holly Christine	32	59	98	32	221

Write Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	5	4	8	4	21

<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>349</b>
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Holly Christine Walton was declared elected.

### Housing Authority

Allen, Richard A.	51	71	91	52	265
Shea, Jon		1			1
Anderson, Dick			1		1
McCarthy, Rich				1	1
Merenda, Anthony				1	1

Write Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	11	18	32	19	80

<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>349</b>
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Richard Allen was declared elected

**SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY RESULTS  
DECEMBER 8, 2009**

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	TOTAL
<b><u>DEMOCRAT</u></b>					
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>					
Michael E. Capuano	56	92	83	61	292
Martha Coakley	151	212	196	127	686
Alan A. Khazei	32	49	46	18	145
Stephen G. Pagliuca	61	57	29	47	194
Peter Blute	1				1
WRITE-INS	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>1318</b>

**REPUBLICAN**

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

Scott P. Brown	113	153	124	126	516
Jack E. Robinson	15	15	11	14	55
				0	0
WRITE-INS	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>571</b>

**LIBERTARIAN**

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

Scott P. Brown	1	0	0	0	1
WRITE-INS	0	0	0	0	
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>430</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>1890</b>

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF GRAFTON  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
May 11, 2009**

**MINUTES**

A Special Town Meeting for the Town of Grafton was held on Monday, May 11, 2009 in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Auditorium of the Grafton Memorial Senior High School at 7:00 p.m.

Upon order of the Moderator Roger Trahan, checkers were stationed at the entrances to the hall, using voting lists on which to check the names of those persons who entered.

The Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all present. Mr. Trahan pointed out the location of the emergency exits from the auditorium and advised all present of the procedures used during Town Meeting. The Moderator moved to appoint Dan Concaugh of 53 Old Upton Road as deputy moderator and the Town Meeting body ratified the appointment.

Town Clerk, Maureen Clark read the return of the warrant.

**ARTICLE 1. BALANCE FY09 BUDGET**

To see if the Town vote to transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of balancing the FY09 Budget, balance line items within certain accounts, or take any other action relative thereto.

- Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) from the Police salary line item to the Police expense line item;
- Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) from the Treasurer/Collector salary line item to Treasurer/Collector expense line item;
- Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-three Dollars and Ninety-eight Cents (\$18,723.98) from Engineering salaries to Treasurer/Collector expense line item;
- Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-six Dollars and Two Cents (\$2,276.02) from Tipping Fees to Treasurer/Collector expenses
- Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$18,685) from Library salaries line item to Library expense line item;
- Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy-eight Dollars and Eighty-four Cents (\$19,178.84) from Retirement line item, Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) from Town Insurance line item, Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-one Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$30,821.16) from Tipping Fees line item to the Legal expense line item – One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$130,000)

- Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from Tipping Fees line item to Fuel Expense line item;
- One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800) from Tipping Fees to Veteran Benefits line item.
- Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) from Tipping Fees line item to Assessors' overtime line item.

For the purpose of balancing the FY09 Budget by balancing line items within certain accounts

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

#### **ARTICLE 1. BALANCE FY09 BUDGET**

Motion was made by Christopher LeMay, 29 ½ Deernolm Street, to transfer

- Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) from the Police salary line item to the Police expense line item;
- Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) from the Treasurer/Collector salary line item to Treasurer/Collector expense line item;
- Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-three Dollars and Ninety-eight Cents (\$18,723.98) from Engineering salaries to Treasurer/Collector expense line item;
- Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-six Dollars and Two Cents (\$2,276.02) from Tipping Fees to Treasurer/Collector expenses
- Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$18,685) from Library salaries line item to Library expense line item;
- Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy-eight Dollars and Eighty-four Cents (\$19,178.84) from Retirement line item, Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) from Town Insurance line item, Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-one Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$30,821.16) from Tipping Fees line item to the Legal expense line item – One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000)
- Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from Tipping Fees line item to Fuel Expense line item;
- One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800) from Tipping Fees to Veteran Benefits line item.
- Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) from Tipping Fees line item to Assessors' overtime line item.

For the purpose of balancing the FY09 Budget by balancing line items within certain accounts.

Finance Committee reconsidered and recommended passage of this article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 2. BALANCE SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purposes of balancing the Sewer Enterprise fund, balance line items within certain accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

#### **ARTICLE 2. BALANCE SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**

Upon motion of Gerald LeBlanc, 106 Elmwood Street, it was voted to pass over this Article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 3. BALANCE FY09 SNOW & ICE ACCOUNT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purposes of balancing the Snow & Ice Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

#### **ARTICLE 3. BALANCE FY09 SNOW & ICE ACCOUNT**

Upon motion of Mary Ann Cotton, 40 Pleasant Street, it was voted to transfer Two Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Forty-three Cents (\$239,713.43) from FREE CASH to the Snow & Ice Account.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 4. EASEMENT ACCEPTANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept permanent drainage easement on North Street between Wesson Street and the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Bridge for the purpose of drainage and roadway improvements, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

#### **ARTICLE 4. EASEMENT ACCEPTANCE**

Upon motion of Peter Adams, 100 Brigham Hill Road, it was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a permanent drainage easement on North Street between Wesson Street and the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Bridge for the purpose of drainage and roadway improvements.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.



## **ARTICLE 5. AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF PRIOR YEARS BILLS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

## **ARTICLE 5. AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF PRIOR YEARS BILLS**

Upon motion of Craig Dauphinais 5 Bruce Street, it was voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Fifty-eight Dollars (\$58.00) to pay bills incurred in a prior fiscal year.

Fire Department	Mike's Truck Service	\$58.00
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The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required nine-tenths vote.

## **ARTICLE 6. STATE BOARD OF RETIREMENT RE-IMBURSEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-two Dollars and Twenty-eight Cents (\$2,152.28), or any other sum, to Account #1-145-5-5812 to reimburse the State Board of Retirement for benefits paid to Alden B. Bull, Sr. for FY2008, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

## **ARTICLE 6. STATE BOARD OF RETIREMENT RE-IMBURSEMENT**

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, 23 North Street, it was voted to transfer the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-two Dollars and Twenty-eight Cents (\$2,152.28), from FREE CASH to Account #1-145-5-5812 to reimburse the State Board of Retirement for benefits paid to Alden B. Bull, Sr. for FY2008.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required nine-tenths vote.

## **ARTICLE 7. TRANSFERS FOR PLANT UPGRADE/ EXPANSION**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Sewer Free Cash Account to account entitled "Plant Upgrade/Expansion", or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

## **ARTICLE 7. TRANSFERS FOR PLANT UPGRADE/ EXPANSION**

Upon motion of Gerald LeBlanc, it was voted to transfer the sum of Fifty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$58,830.00) from "Sewer Retained Earnings" Account #25-440-145-3590 to account entitled "Plant Upgrade/Expansion" #25-440-800-6068.

Finance Committee reconsidered and recommended passage of this Article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 8. TRANSFERS FOR O&M ACCOUNT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Sewer Free Cash Account to account entitled "O&M Emergency Account", or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

## **ARTICLE 8. TRANSFERS FOR O & M ACCOUNT**

Upon motion of Gerald LeBlanc, it was voted to Transfer Twenty-three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars (\$23,527.00) from Account "Sewer Retained Earnings" Account # 25-440-145-3590 to account entitled "O & M Emergency Account" #25-800-6440-6067.

Finance Committee reconsidered and recommended passage of Article 8.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 9. TRANSFERS FOR MAJOR REPAIR/RE-PLACEMENT ACCOUNT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Sewer Free Cash Account to the account entitled "Major Equipment Repair/Replacement Account", or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

## **ARTICLE 9. TRANSFERS FOR MAJOR REPAIR/RE-PLACEMENT ACCOUNT**

Upon motion of Gerald LeBlanc, it was voted to transfer the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$35,300.00) from account "Sewer Retained Earnings" Account #25-440-145-3590 to the account entitled "Major Equipment Repair/Replacement Account" #25-440-800-6069.

Finance Committee reconsidered and recommended passage of Article 9.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 10. FUNDING FOR FOLLETTE STREET WELL PROJECT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose funding Follette Street Well Project, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

#### **ARTICLE 10. FUNDING FOR FOLLETTE STREET WELL PROJECT**

Upon motion of Christopher LeMay, it was voted to transfer Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) from FREE CASH and Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from Town Insurance line item, for the purpose of funding the Follette Street Well Project.

Finance Committee reconsidered and recommended passage of Article 9.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Motion was made to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 7:13 p.m.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

A true copy,  
Attest:  
Maureen A. Clark, Town Clerk  
Grafton, MA

#### **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF GRAFTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 11, 2009 MINUTES**

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Grafton was held on Monday, May 11, 2009 in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Auditorium of the Grafton Memorial Senior High School at 7:30 p.m.

Upon order of the Moderator Roger Trahan, 4 Old Upton Road, checkers were stationed at the entrances to the hall, using voting lists on which to check the names of those persons who entered.

The Moderator opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed all present. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Christopher LeMay led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Tra-

han pointed out the locations of the emergency exits from the auditorium and advised all present of the procedures used during Town Meeting.

Mr. Trahan introduced the new Town Administrator Timothy McInerney.

Town Clerk, Maureen Clark read the return of the warrant.

The Moderator moved to appoint Dan Concaugh, 53 Old Upton Road as deputy moderator and the Town Meeting body ratified the appointment.

Mr. Trahan then recognized the presence of State Representative George N. Peterson who gave a brief statement on the financial state of the State of Massachusetts and the expected revenue the Town can expect to receive from the State. Rep. Peterson recognized the Town Administrator and Finance Committee for their work on the Town budget.

Town Counsel Anthony Penski and Ginny Kremer were introduced.

Mr. Trahan recognized the newly elected officials: Brook Padgett reelected to the Board of Selectmen; Kathleen Halloran and Peter Carlson to the School Committee; Robert Haslinger and Bruce Spinney to the Planning Board; William Armstrong & Holly Walton newly elected and Diane Libbey and Judith Meichelbeck reelected to the Board of Library Trustees; Richard Allen to the Housing Authority.

The Moderator then recognized outgoing officials for their dedicated service to the Town; Keith Regan, Rich McCarthy and Christophe Courchesne for the Planning Board, Nancy Varallo and Robert Mulvey for the School Committee and Len Ryer and Tina Roney for the Library Trustees.

Mr. Trahan appointed Robert Foley of 45 South Street, Donald Davison of 35 Kaye Circle, and David Libbey of 44 George Hill Road to the Finance Committee. David Ross, chair of the Finance Committee gave a State of the Town address.

Upon motion of Christopher LeMay, 29 ½ Deernolm Street, it was voted to permit non-residents to speak, if necessary.

Tim McInerney, Town Administrator  
Ginny Kremer, Town Counsel  
Tony Penski, Town Counsel  
Bethany Eisenberg, Engineer VHB  
Brian Szczurko  
Linda Dettloff  
Lois Luniewicz  
Matt Pearson



Steve Bishop  
Hilding Hedberg – Library Director  
Irene Congdon, DEP

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 1. HEAR REPORTS OF OFFICES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

To hear the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards and Committees, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

#### **ARTICLE 1. HEAR REPORTS OF OFFICES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Upon motion of Mary Ann Cotton, 40 Pleasant Street, it was voted to accept the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards and Committees as printed in the 2008 Town Report without ratification of any action or authorization of any action.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 2. APPOINT TRUSTEE OF NELSON PARK AND LIBRARY**

To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Trustee of the Nelson Park and Memorial Library and Building Fund for a term of three years, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Trustees Nelson Park & Memorial Library

#### **ARTICLE 2. APPOINT TRUSTEE OF NELSON PARK AND LIBRARY**

Upon motion of Peter Adams, 100 Brigham Hill Road, it was voted to appoint J. Roger Currier, Jr. a Trustee of the Nelson Park and Memorial Library and Building Fund for a term of three years.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 3. TOWN'S SHARE OF NET OPERATING COSTS – BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of Nine Hundred Sixty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$967,912), or any other sum, for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the net operating costs of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District (the "District") for the Fiscal Year

commencing July 1, 2009, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Committee

#### **ARTICLE 3. TOWN'S SHARE OF NET OPERATING COSTS – BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Upon motion of Anthony Yitts, 54 George Hill Road, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Sixty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$967,912) for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the net operating costs of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District (the "District") for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2009.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 4. BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Blackstone Valley Vocational School Stabilization Fund the sum of Seventy-two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-eight Dollars (\$72,528), or any other sum, to fund the principal and interest costs for FY10 to be incurred by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District for its capital expansion project, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocation Regional School District Committee

#### **ARTICLE 4. BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST**

Upon motion of Anthony Yitts, it was voted to appropriate from the Blackstone Valley Vocational School Stabilization Fund the sum of Seventy-two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-eight Dollars (\$72,528) to fund the principal and interest costs for FY10 to be incurred by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District for its capital expansion project.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds vote.

#### **ARTICLE 5. CITIZEN PETITION – TRASH COLLECTION**

"To see if the Town will vote to keep the trash collection as it is now or change to a "pay as you throw system."

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury in the Excess and Deficiency Account the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to fund trash collection in its’ present form for fiscal year 2010” as petitioned for by more than ten (10) registered voters of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizen Petition

#### **ARTICLE 5. CITIZEN PETITION – TRASH COLLECTION**

Motion was made by Peter Adams, lead petitioner on this Article, to see if the town will vote to keep the trash collection in its present form, to be funded by available funds in the treasury.

Mr. McInerney gave a brief presentation and explained that this Article is a non-binding motion and the vote will just be a sense of the meeting vote as the Board of Selectmen has the ability to and have already voted to institute “Pay As You Throw” (PAYT).

After discussion, the Selectmen were asked their intentions concerning this item. Mr. Dauphinais, Mr. LeMay, Mrs. Cotton and Mr. Padgett all expressed continued support for the PAYT program.

The Moderator declared the sense of the meeting motion defeated by a standing vote of 146 affirmative and 158 against.

#### **ARTICLE 6. FY10 BUDGETS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of money recommended by the Town Administrator as shown in the Finance Committee’s printed report for the several Town Departments for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

#### **ARTICLE 6. FY10 BUDGETS**

After holding on the MIS-GIS, Planning, Zoning Board of Appeals, Building Inspector, Sanitation and Library portions of the budget, motion was made by Craig Dauphinais to raise and appropriate Thirty-five Million Five Hundred-forty Thousand One Hundred Eighty-five Dollars and Seventy-one Cents (\$35,540,185.71) and to transfer Three hundred forty-one thousand seventy-six dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$341,076.29) from Free Cash, and to transfer from Sewer Receipts One Million One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Seven dollars (\$1,115,677) and to transfer from

Sewer Betterments Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$390,720) as recommended by the Town Administrator as shown in the Finance Committee’s printed report for the several Town Departments for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Christopher LeMay that the Town vote to raise and appropriate from Taxation under MIS/GIS Department the sum of \$81,000.00 with the same to be allocated as follows:

Expenses	\$81,000.00
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The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Christopher LeMay that the Town vote to raise and appropriate from Taxation under Planning Board Department the sum of (\$165, 205.00) with the same to be allocated as follows:

Salaries	\$156,255.00
Expenses	\$ 8,950.00
Total	\$165,205.00

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. LeMay that the Town vote to raise and appropriate from Taxation under the Zoning Board of Appeals Department the sum of \$6,779.00 with the same to be allocated as follows:

Salaries	\$4,779.00
Expenses	\$2,000.00
Total	\$6,779.00

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. LeMay that the Town vote to raise and appropriate from Taxation under the Sanitation Department the sum \$1,063,500.00 with the same to be allocated as follows:

Salaries	\$ 13,500.00
Expenses	\$1,050,000.00
Total	\$1,063,500.00

The moderator declared the motion carried. Motion was made by Mr. LeMay that the Town vote to raise and appropriate from Taxation under the Building Inspector Department the sum of \$146,470.00 with said sum to be allocated as follows:

Salaries	\$142,595.00
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Expenses	\$ 3,875.00
Total	\$146,470.00

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. LeMay that the Town vote to raise and appropriate from Taxation under the Library Department the sum of \$487,628.00 with said sum to be allocated as follows:

Salaries	\$343,999.00
Expenses	\$140,129.00
New Equipment	\$ 3,500.00
Total	\$487,628.00

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 7. FY10 SALARY INCREASES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General By-laws, Article 20, Section 4-25, Classification Plan and to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to various departmental accounts as distributed by the Town Accountant to fund FY10 Salary increases for personnel, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Personnel Board

#### **ARTICLE 7. FY10 SALARY INCREASES**

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to transfer Eighty-six Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars (\$86,488) from Article 6 of the May, 2008 Town Meeting to fund FY10 salary increases for union contracts and non union personnel and to transfer Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$8,512) from Article 6 of the May, 2008 Town Meeting to fund FY10 salary increases for Sewer Enterprise Union and Non Union Personnel.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 8. FUND FY10 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purposes of funding the FY10 Capital Expenditure Budget, and said sum to be spent under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and various other departments, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

#### **ARTICLE 8. FUND FY10 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET**

Upon motion of Christopher LeMay, it was voted to transfer Four Hundred Eighty-five Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-one Dollars (\$485,581.00) from Free Cash for the purposes of funding the FY10 Capital Expenditure Budget, and said sum to be spent under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and various other departments.

Fire	Roof Repair – Station	\$ 40,000
Police	Ford F150 Pickup	30,191
DPW	Replace Loader 38	145,000
	Chassis mounted spreader	14,295
	Spreader upgrade	8,595
	Dam Design	53,000
	Replace Truck 42	62,000
	DPW Fleet Maintenance Facility floor	
	Drain & sewer line service connection	
	And other improvements	50,000
Cem & Pks	Zero Steer mower	15,000
	4x4 one ton pickup	43,000
	Trailer for mower	4,500
Municipal Buildings	Chimney repointing	20,000
TOTAL:		\$485,581

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 9. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), or any other sum, said sum to be added to Account #84-145-623, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

#### **ARTICLE 9. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

Upon motion of Mary Ann Cotton, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) said sum to be added to Account #84-145-623 "Unemployment Compensation" for the purposes of paying Unemployment Compensation expenses of the Town.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 10. \$10/HALF DAY; \$20/WHOLE DAY ATTENDANCE AT HEARINGS OR MEETINGS – BOARD MEMBERS**

To see if the Town will vote that any persons, except full-time employees of the Town who are being paid a salary or hourly compensation, and anyone else collecting from the Town on an hourly rate at the time of attendance, all as determined by the Town of Grafton personnel policies who have been authorized by a vote of the multiple member body so requesting their presence, who is subsequently approved by the Board of Selectmen to attend any meeting or hearing in the interest of the Town, to be paid out of the budget of the multiple member body so requesting their presence at the rate of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10) for half day and not more than Twenty Dollars (\$20) for a whole day of attendance plus expenses for such attendance, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 10. \$10/HALF DAY; \$20/WHOLE DAY ATTENDANCE AT HEARINGS OR MEETINGS – BOARD MEMBERS**

Upon motion of Peter Adams, it was voted that any persons, except full-time employees of the Town who are being paid a salary or hourly compensation, and anyone else collecting from the Town on an hourly rate at the time of attendance, all as determined by the Town of Grafton personnel policies, who have been authorized by a vote of the multiple member body so requesting their presence, and who is subsequently approved by the Board of Selectmen to attend any meeting or hearing in the interest of the Town, to be paid out of the budget of the multiple member body so requesting their presence at the rate of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10) for half day and not more than Twenty Dollars (\$20) for a whole day of attendance plus expenses for such attendance.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 11. AUTHORIZE BOARD TO ACCEPT & ENTER INTO CONTRACTS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the construction, reconstruction or improvements of public roads, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 11. AUTHORIZE BOARD TO ACCEPT & ENTER INTO CONTRACTS**

Upon motion of Craig Dauphinais, it was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the construction, reconstruction or improvements of public roads.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 12. \$1,000 FIRE DEPARTMENT INSURANCE SUPPLEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) or any other sum, to Account #1-800-6220-5861 Fire Department Insurance Supplement established under Article 15 of the March 16, 1987 Special Town Meeting, which is used for the purposes of paying not more than 75.00% of a firefighter's gross pay in case of injury while on duty as specified in Article 15 of the March 16, 1987 Special Town Meeting, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 12. \$1,000 FIRE DEPARTMENT INSURANCE SUPPLEMENT**

Upon motion of Michael Gauthier, 17 Main Street, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to Account #1-800-6220-5861 Fire Department Insurance Supplement established under Article 15 of the March 16, 1987 Special Town Meeting, which is used for the purposes of paying not more than 75.00% of a firefighter's gross pay in case of injury while on duty as specified in Article 15 of the March 16, 1987 Special Town Meeting.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 13. FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FROM WRTA**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request funding of transportation services from the WRTA, and to contract for and provide elderly bus services for the Town of Grafton for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

### **ARTICLE 13. FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FROM WRTA**

Upon motion of Michelle Drumm, 175 Providence Road, it was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request funding of transportation services from the WRTA, and to contract for and provide elderly bus services for the Town of Grafton for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

### **ARTICLE 14. AUTHORIZE TREASURER/COLLECTOR TO BORROW MONEY**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and amendments thereto, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, and amendments thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

### **ARTICLE 14. AUTHORIZE TREASURER/COLLECTOR TO BORROW MONEY**

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to authorize the Town Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and amendments thereto, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, and amendments thereto.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

### **ARTICLE 15. BOARD OF SELECTMEN – OPEN SPACE EASEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to accept an open space easement for the purpose of providing access to and use of the area shown on the plan as the Easement Area “A” and Easement Area “B” on a Plan of Land Entitled “Easement Plan for 377 Providence Road in Grafton, Mass., October 28 2009” prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

### **ARTICLE 15. BOARD OF SELECTMEN – OPEN SPACE EASEMENT**

Upon motion of Brian Szczurko, Assistant Town Engineer, it was voted to accept an open space easement for the purpose of providing access to and use of the area shown on the plan as the Easement Area “A” and Easement Area “B” on a Plan of Land Entitled “Easement Plan for 377 Providence Road in Grafton, Mass., October 28 2009” prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

### **ARTICLE 16. ONE GRAFTON COMMON**

To see if the Town will reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the revolving account pursuant to MGL c44 s53E1/2 entitled “One Grafton Common” for the purposes of receiving rents from the Old Town Hall at One Grafton Common and to expend the same for the maintenance and upkeep of the building under the supervision of the Town Administrator and that expenditures from same shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

### **ARTICLE 16. ONE GRAFTON COMMON**

Upon motion of Christopher LeMay, it was voted to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the revolving account pursuant to MGL c44 s53E1/2 entitled “One Grafton Common” for the purposes of receiving rents from the Old Town Hall at One Grafton Common and to expend the same for the maintenance and upkeep of the building under the supervision of the Town Administrator and that expenditures from same shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000).

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

### **ARTICLE 17. \$2,700 TOWN COMMON REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$2,700) to a continuing appropriation account entitled “Town Common Repairs and Maintenance” to be expended by the Parks and Cemetery Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen



## **ARTICLE 17. \$2,700 TOWN COMMON REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

Upon motion of Mary Ann Cotton, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$2,700) to a continuing appropriation account entitled "Town Common Repairs and Maintenance" to be expended by the Parks and Cemetery Department.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 18. NON CRIMINAL DISPOSITION BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote amend the Town By-Laws, ARTICLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, by adding thereto the following:

SECTION 6E. Any By-Law of the Town of Grafton, or Rule or Regulation of its officers, boards, committees or departments, the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty may, in the discretion of the Town official who is the appropriate enforcing person, be enforced in the method provided for in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D, including the right to review in the District Court as set forth therein. The non-criminal penalty for each such violation, if not otherwise specified below, shall be \$100.00.

As used herein the term "enforcing person" shall mean any Police Officer of the Town of Grafton with respect to any offense, and the Building Inspector, Wiring Inspector, Plumbing and Gas Piping Inspector, the Fire Chief or Firefighters under his direction, the Board of Health or its designees, the Conservation Commission or its designees, the Tree Warden or his designees, and such other officials as the Board of Selectmen may from time to time designate, each with respect to violations of any By-Laws and/or rules and regulations within their respective jurisdictions. If more than one official has jurisdiction in any specific case, any such official may be an enforcing person with respect thereto.

The specific penalties listed below shall apply in appropriate cases and in addition to police officers, who shall in all cases be considered an enforcing person for the purposes hereof, the municipal officials listed for each section, if any, shall also be enforcing persons for such sections. Each day on which any violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

1. Inspector of Wires, Article 11:  
Enforcing person: Wiring Inspector, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$20.00
2. Safety and Order, Article 12:  
Enforcing person: Police Officers

Fine schedule: Sections 8A and 8B (Towing of Obstructing Vehicles) - \$25.00 first offense, \$50.00 second offense, \$100.00 third and subsequent offenses; Section 8C (Depositing Snow on Town Roadways) - \$150.00; Section 13B (Skateboarding etc. on Posted Public Property) - \$25.00; Section 16 (Licensing of Junk Dealers) - \$25.00; Section 19 (Unlawful Soliciting or Canvassing) - \$50.00; Sections 20A, 20B and 20C (Alcoholic Beverages) - \$50.00; Section 21-2 (Unlawful Parking in Handicapped Designated Areas) - \$100.00; all others - \$20.00.

3. Earth Removal, Article 13:  
Enforcing person: Board of Selectmen, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$50.00 first offense, \$100.00 second offense, \$200.00 third and subsequent offenses.
4. Inspector of Gas Piping and Gas Appliances, Article 14:  
Enforcing person: Gas Inspector, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$50.00
5. Unregistered Motor Vehicles, Article 15:  
Enforcing person: Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$20.00
6. Dogs Running at Large, Article 16:  
Enforcing person: Dog Officer, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$10.00 first offense, \$25.00 second offense, \$50.00 third and subsequent offenses.
7. House Numbering, Article 18:  
Enforcing person: Building Inspector, Fire Chief, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$1.00
8. Use of Silver Lake, Article 22:  
Enforcing person: Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$50.00
9. Sewers, Article 23:  
Enforcing person: Board of Health, Health Agent, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$50.00
10. General Wetlands Protection, Article 25:  
Enforcing person: Conservation Commission, Conservation Agent, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$300.00
11. Regulations Relative to Biomedical Research, Article 27:  
Enforcing person: Board of Health, Health Agent, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$300.00

12. Use of Lake Ripple, Article 29:  
Enforcing person: Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$50.00
13. Alarm By-Law, Article 30:  
Enforcing person: Administrator for Alarm Devices, Fire Chief, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: Sections 7 and 8 (False Alarms) – \$25.00 fourth occurrence in calendar year, \$50.00 fifth occurrence in calendar year, \$100 sixth and subsequent occurrences in calendar year; Section 13a (Intentional Causing of False Alarm) - \$100.00; Section 13b (Failure to Register Alarm Device) - \$25.00
14. Open Burning, Article 31:  
Enforcing person: Fire Chief, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: Burning without a permit - \$100.00; Burning after 4:00 p.m. - \$25.00; Fire out of control - \$100.00
15. Shade Trees, Article 33:  
Enforcing person: Tree Warden, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$300.00
16. Zoning By-Law:  
Enforcing person: Building Inspector, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$100.00
15. Body Art Rules and Regulations:  
Enforcing person: Board of Health, Health Agent, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$50.00
16. Floor Drain Regulations:  
Enforcing person: Board of Health, Health Agent, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$300.00
17. Massage Therapy Regulations:  
Enforcing person: Board of Health, Health Agent, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$100.00
18. Mercury Disposal Regulations:  
Enforcing person: Board of Health, Health Agent, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$100.00
19. Smoking Regulations Prohibiting Smoking in Membership Organizations:  
Enforcing person: Board of Health, Health Agent, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$100 first offense, \$200 second offense within 24 months of first offense, \$300.00 third and

subsequent offense within 24 months of second or most previous offense.

20. Tobacco Control Regulations:  
Enforcing person: Board of Health, Health Agent, Police Officers  
Fine schedule: \$100.00 first offense, \$200.00 second offense within 12 months, \$300.00 third and subsequent offense within 12 months.
21. Well Regulations:  
Enforcing person: Board of Health, Health Agent, Police Officers  
Fine Schedule: \$300.00,  
 or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

## **ARTICLE 18. NON CRIMINAL DISPOSITION BYLAW**

Upon motion of Craig Dauphinais, it was voted to pass over this Article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 19. CREATE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST BY-LAW**

To see if the Town will, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44 Section 55C as adopted at the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting in Article 52 thereof and in furtherance of the Declaration of Trust of the Town of Grafton Affordable Housing Trust, create an Affordable Housing Trust By-Law as follows:

### **CHAPTER ONE: Purposes**

The purpose of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (hereinafter "Trust") shall be to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the Town of Grafton ("the Town") for the benefit of low and moderate income households and in furtherance of this purpose, to acquire by gift, purchase, or otherwise, real estate and personal property, both tangible and intangible, of every sort and description; to use such property, both real and personal, in such manner as the Trustees shall deem most appropriate to carry out such purpose; provided however, that all property comprising this Trust and the net earnings thereof shall be used only in the Town exclusively for the benefit of all of the inhabitants of the Town for the creation and preservation of affordable housing therein.

## **CHAPTER TWO: Tenure of Trustees and Appointment**

The trustees hereunder shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Trustees shall serve for a term not to exceed two years and may be reappointed at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. Only persons who are residents of the Town of Grafton shall be eligible to hold the office of Trustee. Any Trustee who ceases to be a resident of the Town shall cease to be a Trustee hereunder provided that a written notification of the change in residence has been filed with the Town Clerk. Any Trustee may resign by written instrument signed and acknowledged by such Trustee and duly filed with the Town Clerk and recorded with the Registry of Deeds and filed with the Land Registration Office. Any Trustee may be removed or suspended by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to the Town Charter, Section 7-8.

If a Trustee shall die, resign, be removed or suspended, or for any other reason cease to be a Trustee hereunder before his/her term of office expires, a successor shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill such vacancy provided that in each case the said appointment and acceptance in writing by the Trustee so appointed is filed with the Town Clerk and recorded with the Registry of Deeds and filed with the Land Registration Office. Upon the appointment of any succeeding Trustee and the filing of such appointment the title to the Trust estate shall thereupon and without the necessity of any conveyance be vested in such succeeding Trustee jointly with the remaining Trustees.

Reference to the Trustee shall mean the Trustee or Trustees for the time being hereunder. There shall be no more than six nor less than five Trustees of the Trust.

## **CHAPTER THREE: Meetings of the Trust**

There shall be monthly meetings if the Trust at such time and at such place as the Trustees shall determine. A written notice stating the place, day, hour, and agenda of each Meeting of the Trust shall be posted at Town Hall at least 48 hours before the date of such meeting in accordance with G.L. c. 39 § 23B.

A quorum at any meeting shall be a majority of the Trustees qualified and present in person.

## **CHAPTER FOUR: Powers of Trustees**

The powers of the Trustees, all of which shall be carried on in furtherance of the purposes set forth in General Laws Chapter 44 Section 55C, shall include the following:

1. With respect to all real and personal estate at any time held by them as if they were absolute owners thereof, and without limiting the foregoing generality:
  - a. to solicit and accept grants, gifts, devices and bequest

- or otherwise acquire real or personal property;
- b. to invest any of the trust property in such manner as they may deem advisable without being limited as to the kind or amount of any investment;
- c. to sell and exchange any or real personal property or any interest therein for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as they deem advisable;
- d. to join with others in the acquisition of real property or any interest therein;
- e. to borrow money and mortgage or pledge any part of the trust estate assets and issue notes or other indebtedness;
- f. to join with others in borrowings, mortgages and pledges and to guarantee and become surety on obligations of others in transactions in which the Trust has an interest;
- g. to execute, as lessor or lessee leases, including for terms expiring after the possible expiration of the Trust;
- h. to restore, construct, repair and maintain buildings and make other improvements and establish such reserves as they deem necessary therefore;
- i. to pay, compromise, or adjust all obligations incurred and rights acquired in the administration of the Trust;
- j. to obtain advice of counsel and to rely thereon;
- k. to employ such other persons, agents, brokers, managers, accountants or advisors as they may deem advisable and to pay reasonable compensation and expenses, apportioning same between income and principal as the board deems advisable; and
- l. to execute, acknowledge and deliver all such contracts, deeds, mortgages, leases, discharges, and partial releases of mortgages, or other instruments as they may deem advisable in the course of the administration of the Trust.

2. In accordance with G.L. c. 44 § 55C (16) (d), all moneys paid to the Trust shall be paid directly into the Trust and need not be appropriated or accepted and approved into the Trust. General revenues appropriated into the trust become Trust property, and to be expended, these funds need not be further appropriated. All moneys remaining in the trust at the end of any fiscal year, whether or not expended by the Trustees within one (1) year of the date that they were appropriated into the trust, remain trust property.

The Trustees shall have these and all powers set forth in G.L. c. 44 § 55C, and shall refrain from exercising any powers in such manner as to violate the provisions of said statute.

## **CHAPTER FIVE: Acts of Trustee**

A majority of Trustees may exercise any or all of the powers of the Trustees hereunder and may execute on behalf of the Trustees any and all instruments with the same effects as



though executed by all the Trustees. The Trustees may, by instrument executed by all the Trustees, delegate to any attorney, agent, or employee such other powers and duties as they deem advisable, including power to execute, acknowledge or deliver instruments as fully as the Trustees might themselves and to sign and endorse checks for the account of the Trustees of the Trust. The Trustees shall not delegate the authority to amend the Trust and no such delegation shall be effective. No Trustee shall be required to give bond. No license of court shall be required to confirm the validity of any transaction entered into by the Trustees with respect to the Trust Estate. No one dealing with the Trustees need inquire concerning the validity of anything the Trustees purport to do or see to the application of anything paid to or upon the order of the Trustees. No Trustee shall be liable for the acts, negligence or defaults of any other Trustee or any employee, agent, or representative of the Trustees selected with reasonable care, not for errors in judgment, nor mistakes of law or fact made in good faith nor in reliance in good faith on advice of counsel nor for other acts or omissions in good faith.

## **CHAPTER SIX: Liability**

Neither the Trustees nor any agent or officer of the Trust shall have the authority to bind the Town. The Trust is a public employer and the Trustees are public employees for purposes of G.L. c. 268A. The Trust shall be deemed a municipal agency and the Trustees special municipal employees for the purposes of G.L. c. 258.

## **CHAPTER SEVEN: Accounts**

The books and records of the Trust shall be audited by an independent auditor in accordance with accepted accounting practices. The results of the audit shall be provided to the Town. The Trust will give an annual report of its activities to the Town, or to take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: The Grafton Affordable Housing Trust

## **ARTICLE 19. CREATE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST BY-LAW**

Upon motion of Charles Pratt, 16 Seaver Farm Lane, it was voted, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44 Section 55C as adopted at the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting in Article 52 thereof and in furtherance of the Declaration of Trust of the Town of Grafton Affordable Housing Trust, to create an Affordable Housing Trust By-Law as printed in the Town Meeting warrant.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 20. TRANSFER TOWN-OWNED TAX TITLE PROPERTY TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer town-owned tax title property at 395 Providence Road Unit #4, Map 131, Lot 27, for a fee to the Grafton Affordable Housing Trust for the purposes of developing and selling it as an affordable housing unit, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Affordable Housing Trust

## **ARTICLE 20. TRANSFER TOWN-OWNED TAX TITLE PROPERTY TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

Upon motion of Peter Adams, it was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer town-owned tax title property at 395 Providence Road Unit #4, Map 131, Lot 27, for Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$12,800) to the Grafton Affordable Housing Trust for the purposes of developing and selling it as an affordable housing unit.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds vote.

## **ARTICLE 21. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT – REVOLVING ACCOUNT – STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the School Department revolving account pursuant to MGL c. 44, 53E ½ entitled “Staff Development” for the purposes of receiving payments from outside sources for cooperative training workshops and to be used to pay all expenses related to said workshops including but not limited to consultant, material supply, and meal expenses with a limit of this account to be no more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: School Committee

## **ARTICLE 21. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT – REVOLVING ACCOUNT – STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

Upon motion of Daryl Rynning, 30 Elliot Trail, it was voted to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the School Department revolving account pursuant to MGL c. 44, 53E ½ entitled “Staff Development” for the purposes of receiving payments from outside sources for cooperative training workshops and to be used to pay all expenses related to said workshops including but not limited to consultant, material supply, and meal expenses with a limit of this account to be no more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 22. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT – REVOLVING ACCOUNT – EARLY CHILDHOOD**

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the School Department revolving account pursuant to MGL c. 44, 53E ½ entitled “Early Childhood” for the purposes of receiving payments for tuition and to be used to pay expenses related to early childhood programs, including but not limited to personnel costs, materials, books, and supplies with a Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) limit that may be spent from such account in the ensuring fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: School Committee

## **ARTICLE 22. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT – REVOLVING ACCOUNT – EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Upon motion of Daryl Rynning, it was voted to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the School Department revolving account pursuant to MGL c. 44, 53E ½ entitled “Early Childhood” for the purposes of receiving payments for tuition and to be used to pay expenses related to early childhood programs, including but not limited to personnel costs, materials, books, and supplies with a Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) limit that may be spent from such account in the ensuring fiscal year.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 23. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT – REVOLVING ACCOUNT – OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the School Department revolving account pursuant to MGL c. 44, 53E ½ entitled “Out-of-District Student Transportation” for the purposes of receiving payments for out-of-district student transportation, with a Thirty Thousand Dollar (\$30,000) limit or any other sum. Said funds to be expended by the School Committee, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: School Committee

## **ARTICLE 23. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT – REVOLVING ACCOUNT – OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

Upon motion of Teri Turgeon, 17 Nelson Street, it was voted to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the School Department revolving account pursuant to MGL c. 44, 53E ½ entitled “Out-of-District Student Transportation” for the purposes of receiving payments for out-of-district student trans-

portation, with a Thirty Thousand Dollar (\$30,000) limit. Said funds to be expended by the School Committee.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 24. COUNCIL ON AGING REVOLVING FUND – ELDER BUS TRANSPORTATION**

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the Council on Aging revolving fund pursuant to MGL c44, 53E ½ entitled “Elder Bus Transportation” for the purposes of receiving outside payments for elder bus transportation with a limit that may be spent from such account in the ensuring year of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Council on Aging

## **ARTICLE 24. COUNCIL ON AGING REVOLVING FUND – ELDER BUS TRANSPORTATION**

Upon motion of Michelle Drumm, it was voted to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the Council on Aging revolving fund pursuant to MGL c44, 53E ½ entitled “Elder Bus Transportation” for the purposes of receiving outside payments for elder bus transportation with a limit that may be spent from such account in the ensuring year of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000).

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 25. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – AMEND WETLANDS PROTECTION BY-LAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town’s General Wetlands Protection By-Law, Article 25 of the General By-Laws, by making the following changes thereto:

Item 1. At the end of the second paragraph of Section 4, add the following wording:

Notwithstanding the aforesaid, such applications and plans shall be filed concurrently with any application for a special permit and/or site plan review for any project located on a priority development site designated as such by vote of Town Meeting under the provisions of GL c. 43D

Item 2. At the end of the sixth paragraph of section 5.b, add the following wording:

Notwithstanding the aforesaid, any public hearing on a permit application for work proposed on a priority development site designated as such by vote of town Meeting under the provisions of GL c. 43D, shall normally be closed within 120 days.

Item 3. Amend the first sentence of the third paragraph of Section 7 so that it now reads:

A permit shall expire three years from the date of issuance, except that, if not sooner exercised, a permit issued for activities to be undertaken on a priority development site designated as such by vote of Town Meeting under the provisions of GL c. 43D, shall expire five years from the date of the expiration of the appeal period set forth in Section 13 hereof. or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

#### **ARTICLE 25. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – AMEND WETLANDS PROTECTION BY-LAW**

Upon motion of John Wilson, 66 Brigham Hill Road, it was voted to amend the Town's General Wetlands Protection By-Law, Article 25 of the General By-Laws, by making the changes thereto as printed in the Warrant of this Town Meeting.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 26. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – REVOLVING ACCOUNT – FILING FEES**

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the revolving account pursuant to MGL Ch. 44 s53E ½ entitled "Conservation Revolving Fund" for the purposes of administering the filing fee provision of the Wetlands Protection Bylaw, and further that the Conservation Commission may expend same without appropriation for expenses reasonably related to its duties and responsibilities as provided therein and that expenditure from same shall not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) in the fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

#### **ARTICLE 26. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – REVOLVING ACCOUNT – FILING FEES**

Upon motion of John Wilson, it was voted to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the revolving account pursuant to MGL Ch. 44 s53E ½ entitled "Conservation Revolving Fund" for the purposes of administering the filing fee provision of the Wetlands Protection Bylaw, and further that the Conservation Commission may expend same without appropriation for expenses reasonably related to its duties and responsibilities as provided therein and that expenditure from same shall not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) in the fiscal year.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 27. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by adding a new by-law STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BYLAW as follows:

#### **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BY-LAW**

**SECTION 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this By-law is to protect, maintain and enhance the public health, safety, environment and general welfare by establishing minimum requirements and procedures to control the adverse effects of increased post-development stormwater runoff and non-point source pollution associated with new development and redevelopment construction activity.

The Town of Grafton requires the use of Low Impact Development (LID) stormwater management practices whenever possible and better site design to minimize stormwater related impacts within the Town. The LID practices promoted in the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Regulations should be considered for use on development and redevelopment projects in the Town.

**SECTION 2. Applicability.** This By-law applies to any land disturbing activity in the Town of Grafton as defined here in §2.

All other land disturbing activities below the thresholds established below do not require an administrative review but shall employ best management practices to ensure that erosion is controlled and that disturbed soil is contained on site.

a. **Stormwater Management Permit.** The following activities, whether new development or redevelopment, shall require a Stormwater Management Permit:

1. Excavating, grading, or other activity which disturbs an area of 40,000 or more square feet or a volume of earth resulting in a total quantity equal to or greater than 1,000 cubic yards.

The application for a Stormwater Management Permit shall include the submittal of a Stormwater Management Plan to the Conservation Commission. This Stormwater Management Plan shall contain sufficient information for the Commission to evaluate the environmental impact, effectiveness, and acceptability of the measures proposed by the applicant for reducing adverse impacts from stormwater. The Plan shall be designed to meet, at a minimum, the Massachusetts

Stormwater Management Standards as set forth in the DEP Stormwater Management Regulations, Volumes I and II and as amended from time to time. The Town of Grafton requires the use of nonstructural stormwater management practices, better site design practices or Low Impact Development (LID) practices, such as reducing impervious cover and the preservation of Open Space and other natural areas, to the maximum extent practicable.

SECTION 3. Exceptions. The provisions of this By-law shall not apply to:

- a. Work performed for normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural or forestry use;
- b. The removal of hazardous and/or dead trees;
- c. Routine maintenance of vegetation and removal of dead or diseased limbs or trees necessary to maintain the health of cultivated plants, to control noxious weeds or vines in accordance with a Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) approved Forest Management Plan, or to remedy a potential fire or health hazard or threat to public safety;
- d. Repair or replacement of individual sewage disposal systems serving a single- or two-family dwelling when required by the Board of Health for the protection of public health;
- e. Normal maintenance of existing landscaping, gardens or lawn areas associated with a single-family dwelling, provided that such maintenance does not include the following:
  - construction of any walls more than four feet in height;
  - alteration of existing grades by more than two feet in elevation; or
  - alteration of drainage patterns.
- f. Construction of utilities other than drainage (gas, water, sewer, electric, telephone, etc.) that will not alter terrain or drainage patterns.
- g. Routine maintenance and upgrade of existing municipal drainage system/stormwater system that will not significantly alter existing terrain or drainage system.
- h. Routine maintenance and upgrading of existing public ways including reclamation and paving, and other routine maintenance activities that apply to roadway maintenance that will not significantly alter the existing terrain or drainage system.

SECTION 4. Waivers. The Commission may waive strict compliance with any requirement of this By-law or the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, where such action:

- a. Is allowed by federal, state and local statutes and/or regulations;
- b. Is in the public interest; and
- c. Is not inconsistent with the purpose and intent of this Bylaw.

Any applicant may submit a written request to be granted such a waiver. Such a waiver request shall be accompanied by an explanation or documentation supporting the waiver request and demonstrating that strict application of this Bylaw does not further the purposes or objectives of this By-law.

All waiver requests shall be discussed by the Commission and a decision will be made by the Commission within 30 days of receiving the waiver request.

If, in the Commission's opinion, additional time or information is required for review of a waiver request, the Commission may continue consideration of the waiver request to a date certain announced at the meeting. In the event the applicant refuses a continuance, or fails to provide the requested information, the waiver request shall be denied.

SECTION 5. Administration - Permits, Determination, and Conditions. The Grafton Conservation Commission, as established under M.G.L. C. 40, § 8C shall have authority to administer this Bylaw. The Conservation Commission shall administer, implement and enforce this Bylaw. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Conservation Commission may be delegated in writing by the Conservation Commission to its employees or agents.

- a. Review. The Commission and its agents shall review all applications for Stormwater Management Permits, conduct inspections, issue a final permit and conduct any necessary enforcement action. The applicant shall submit all additional information requested by the Commission to issue a decision on the application.
- b. Standards. Projects shall meet the standards of the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Regulations.
- c. Action. The Commission may:
  1. Approve the Stormwater Management Permit application and issue an objectives and requirements of this Bylaw;



2. Approve the Stormwater Management Permit application and issue a permit with conditions, modifications or restrictions that the Commission determines are required to ensure that the project will protect water resources and meet the objectives and requirements of this Bylaw;
3. Disapprove the Stormwater Management Permit application and deny the permit if it finds that the proposed plan will not protect water resources or fails to meet the objectives and requirements of this By-law.
- d. Extensions. A Stormwater Management Permit shall be valid for three years from the date the permit is issued. The Commission may grant extensions for additional 1 year periods, upon written request for renewal no later than 30 days prior to expiration of the permit.

SECTION 6. Coordination with other Boards. Following receipt of a completed application, the Commission shall seek review and comments from the Planning Board, Board of Health, Building Inspector, and Department of Public Works. The Commission shall not make a decision on the Stormwater Management Permit until it has received comments from these entities or until 14 days have elapsed after receipt of the application materials without submission of comments thereon.

SECTION 7. Notice and Hearings.

- a. Application. A completed application for a Stormwater Management Permit shall be filed with the Commission. A permit, or a determination that a permit is not required, must be obtained prior to the commencement of land disturbing activity. The permit application requirements are specified in regulations adopted by the Commission.

In an appropriate case, the Commission may accept as the application and plans under this By-law any application and plans filed under the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and regulations (310 CMR 10.00), but the Commission is not obliged to do so.

- b. Public Hearing. The Commission shall hold a public hearing within 30 days of the receipt of a complete application, with written notice given at the expense of the applicant five days prior to the hearing. The applicant shall also notify abutters by certified mail at least five days prior to the hearing. The Commission shall make the application available for inspection by the public during business hours at the Town Hall. The Commission shall take final action within 21 days from the time of the close of the hearing unless such time is extended

by agreement between the applicant and the Commission.

In an appropriate case, the Commission may combine its hearing under this and regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

SECTION 8. Operation and Maintenance Plans. An operation and maintenance plan (O&M Plan) is required at the time of application for all projects subject to a Stormwater Management Permit. The maintenance plan shall be designed to ensure compliance with the permit, this By-law and that the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards, 314 CMR 4.00, are met in all seasons and throughout the life of the system. The Commission shall make the final decision on what maintenance option is appropriate in a given situation. The Commission will consider natural features, proximity of site to water bodies and wetland resource areas, extent of impervious surfaces, size of the site, the types of stormwater management structures, and potential need for ongoing maintenance activities when making this decision. The operation and maintenance plan shall remain on file with the Commission and shall be an ongoing requirement.

Requirements for the content of the O&M Plan and its implementation are specified in Stormwater Management Rules and Regulations associated with this Bylaw.

SECTION 9. Certificate of Completion. Upon the completion of the activities allowed under a Stormwater Management Permit, the applicant shall notify the Commission and request a final inspection and certificate of completion. The applicant shall submit an as-built plan prepared by a professional land surveyor or registered professional engineer along with certification from a registered professional engineer that all construction has been done in accordance with the approved stormwater management plan.

SECTION 10. Stormwater Management Regulations. The Conservation Commission may adopt, and periodically amend, rules and regulations relating to the terms, conditions, definitions, enforcement, fees, procedures and administration of this By-law after conducting a public hearing to receive comments on any revisions. After public notice and public hearing, the Commission shall have authority to promulgate rules and regulations to implement this By-law, to review permit applications, to perform monitoring and inspections, to grant or deny permits, and to enforce the provisions of this By-law, and to take any other actions reasonable and appropriate to implement this By-law.

SECTION 11. Definitions. The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and implementation of this By-law:

“Abutter” — The owner(s) of land sharing a common property line with the owner of land that is the subject of an application and the owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within 300 feet of the property line of land that is the subject of the application as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, notwithstanding that the land of any such owner is located in another city or town.

“Agriculture” — The normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural or aquacultural use, as defined by the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. C. 131, § 40) and its implementing regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and any agricultural activity which is consistent with an approved soil conservation plan prepared or approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service.

“Alteration” — Any activity that will measurably change the ability of a ground surface area to absorb water or will change existing surface drainage patterns. Alteration may be similarly represented as “alteration of drainage characteristics,” and “conducting land disturbing activities.” Such changes include, but are not limited to: change from distributed runoff to confined, discrete discharge; change in the volume of runoff from the area; change in the peak rate of runoff from the area; and change in the recharge to groundwater on the area.

“Applicant” — Any “person,” as defined below, requesting a Stormwater Management Permit for a proposed activity.

“Best Management Practice (BMP)” — Structural, non-structural and managerial techniques that are recognized to be the most effective and practical means to prevent and/or reduce increases in stormwater volumes and flows, reduce point source and non-point source pollution, and promote stormwater quality and protection of the environment. “Structural” BMPs are devices that are engineered and constructed to provide temporary storage and treatment of stormwater runoff. “Nonstructural” BMPs use natural measures to reduce pollution levels, do not require extensive construction efforts, and/or promote pollutant reduction by eliminating the pollutant source.

“Clearing” — Any activity that removes the vegetative surface cover. Clearing activities generally include disturbance or grubbing activity as defined below.

“Cold Water Fishery” — Environmental resources defined by Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife as meeting at least one of three criteria:

1. Brook, brown or rainbow trout has been determined;
2. Slimy sculpin or longnose sucker are present; or
3. The water is part of the Atlantic salmon restoration effort or is stocked with Atlantic salmon fry or parr.

“Development” — The modification of land to accommodate a new use or expansion of use, usually involving construction.

“Erosion” — The wearing away of the land surface by natural or artificial forces such as wind, water, ice, gravity, or vehicle traffic and the subsequent detachment and transportation of soil particles.

“Erosion And Sedimentation Control Plan” — A document containing narrative, drawings and details developed by a qualified professional engineer (PE), a professional land surveyor (PLS), a registered landscape architect (RLA), or a certified professional in erosion and sedimentation control (CPESC), which includes best management practices or equivalent measures designed to control surface runoff, erosion and sedimentation during pre-construction and construction-related land disturbance activities.

“Grubbing” — The act of clearing land surface by digging up roots and stumps.

“Activity or Land Disturbance” — Any activity, including clearing and grubbing, that causes a change in the position or location of soil, sand, rock, gravel, or similar earth material.

“Low-Impact Development (LID)” — Development that results in minimized alterations of the land for a more sustainable land development pattern. The site planning process first identifies critical natural resources and then determines appropriate building envelopes to preserve resources. LID also incorporates a range of best management practices (BMPs) that preserve the natural hydrology of the land, minimize impervious areas and preserve vegetation.

“Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy” — The policy issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, as amended from time to time, that coordinates the requirements prescribed by state regulations promulgated under the authority of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. C. 131, § 40, and the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, M.G.L. C. 21, § 23-56. The policy addresses stormwater impacts through implementation of performance standards to reduce or prevent pollutants from reaching water bodies and control the quantity of runoff from a site.

“Municipal Storm Drain System or Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)” — The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Grafton.

“Non-Point Source Pollution” — Pollution from diffuse sources, as opposed to discrete conveyances, caused by water, including rainfall or snowmelt, moving over or through the ground.

“Operation and Maintenance Plan” — A plan describing the functional, financial, and organizational mechanisms for the ongoing operation and maintenance of a stormwater management system to ensure that it continues to function as designed.

“Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW)” — Waters designated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection as ORWs. These waters have exceptional sociologic, recreational, ecological and/or aesthetic values and are subject to more stringent requirements under both the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards (314 CMR 4.00) and the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards. ORWs include vernal pools certified by the Natural Heritage Program of the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement, all Class A designated public water supplies with their bordering vegetated wetlands, and other waters specifically designated.

“Person” — An individual, partnership, association, firm, company, trust, corporation, agency, authority, department or political subdivision of the Commonwealth or the federal government, to the extent permitted by law, and any officer, employee, or agent of such person.

“Point Source” — Any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including, but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, or container from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

“Pre-Development” — Those conditions that exist at the time that plans for the land development of a site or parcel of land are submitted to the Committee. When phased development or plan approval occurs (preliminary grading, roads and utilities, etc.), the existing conditions at the time prior to the first plan submission shall establish pre-development conditions.

“Post-Development” — Those conditions that reasonably may be expected or anticipated to exist after completion of the land development activity on a specific site or parcel of land. Post-development also refers to the phase of a new development or redevelopment project after completion, and does not refer to the construction phase of a project.

“Redevelopment” — Development, rehabilitation, expansion, demolition or phased projects that disturb the ground surface or increase the impervious area on previously developed sites.

“Runoff” — Rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation water flowing over the ground surface.

“Sediment” — Mineral or organic soil material that is transported by wind or water from its origin to another location; the product of erosion processes.

“Sedimentation” — The process or act of deposition of sediment.

“Site” — Any lot or parcel of land or area of property where activities are, were, or will be performed.

“Soil” — Earth materials, including decomposed organic material, humic materials, sand, rock and gravel.

“Stabilization” — The use, singly or in combination, of mechanical, structural, or vegetative methods, to prevent or retard erosion.

“Stormwater” — Stormwater runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface water runoff and drainage.

“Stormwater Management Permit (SMP)” — A permit issued by the Commission, which is designed to protect the environment of the Town of Grafton from the deleterious effects of uncontrolled and untreated stormwater runoff.

“Stormwater Management Plan” — A document containing narrative, drawings and details prepared by a qualified professional engineer (PE), a professional land surveyor (PLS), or a certified professional in erosion and sedimentation control (CPESC), which includes structural and non-structural best management practices to manage and treat stormwater runoff generated from regulated development activity. A Stormwater Management Plan also includes an Operation and Maintenance Plan describing the maintenance requirements for structural best management practices.

“Wetland Resource Area” — Areas specified in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. C. 131, § 40, and in Article 25, General Wetlands Protection Bylaw, of the Town of Grafton.

SECTION 12. Security. The Commission may require the applicant to post a surety bond, cash, or other acceptable security before the start of any activity. The form of the bond/surety shall be approved by Town Counsel and the Town Treasurer, and be in an amount deemed sufficient by the Commission to insure that the work will be completed in accordance with the permit. Any performance bond or certificate of guarantee shall be executed and maintained by a financial institution, surety, or guaranty company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth.

SECTION 13. Enforcement and Penalties. The Commission or its authorized agent shall enforce this By-law, its regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.

Any person who violates any provision of this By-law, regulation, order or permit issued thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300. Each day or part thereunder that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

As an alternative to criminal prosecution or civil action, the Town may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in M.G.L. C. 40, § 21D, in which case the Commission or authorized agent shall be the enforcing person. The non-criminal penalty for violations shall be \$50 for the first violation, \$100 for the second violation, and \$300 for the third violation and each subsequent violation. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 14. Inspection. Filing an application for a Stormwater Management Permit grants the Commission, or its agent, permission to enter the site of the activity, as permitted by law, to verify the information in the application and to inspect for compliance with permit conditions.

SECTION 15. Fees. The Commission by regulation shall promulgate an application fee schedule for stormwater management permit applications and completion certificates. The fee schedule shall be reasonably related to the costs of processing, reviewing and acting upon the application. The fee specified in such a fee schedule shall be made payable to the Town of Grafton and shall accompany the permit application or request for certificate of completion. The Commission may require an additional fee for review of any change in or alteration from an approved permit. Said fee shall be paid into a special account set up by the Town Treasurer and may be expended by the Commission for the purpose allocated without further appropriation in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. C. 44, § 55E 1/2.

Pursuant to G.L. Ch. 44 §53G and regulations promulgated by the Commission, securing outside consultants, including engineers or other experts, in order to aid in the review of proposed projects. Such funds shall be deposited with the town treasurer, who shall create an account specifically for this purpose. Additional consultant fees may be requested where the requisite review is more expensive than originally calculated or where new information requires additional consultant services.

SECTION 16. Appeals. A decision by the Conservation Commission made under this By-law shall be reviewable in the Superior Court in an action filed within 60 days thereof, in accordance with M.G.L. C. 249 § 4.

SECTION 17. Relation to the Clean Water Act. This By-law is adopted under authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, the Home Rule Statutes, and the regulations of the Federal Clean Water Act found at 40 CFR 122.34.

SECTION 18. Severability. If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this By-law is held invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

## **ARTICLE 27. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BYLAW**

Upon motion of Daniel Kallin, 20 South Street, it was voted to amend the Town By-Laws by adding a new by-law STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BYLAW as printed in the Warrant of this Town Meeting. Bethany Eisenberg of VHB gave a presentation

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 28. FIRE DEPARTMENT REVOLVING FUND – FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM REVIEW**

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the revolving fund pursuant to MGL c44, Section 53E1/2 entitled “Fire Sprinkler System Review” for the purpose of receiving outside payments for fire sprinkler system review with a Ten Thousand Dollar (\$10,000) limit, or any other sum said funds to be expended by the Grafton Fire Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Fire Department



## **ARTICLE 28. FIRE DEPARTMENT REVOLVING FUND – FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM REVIEW**

Upon motion of Michael Gauthier, it was voted to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the revolving fund pursuant to MGL c44, Section 53E1/2 entitled “Fire Sprinkler System Review” for the purpose of receiving outside payments for fire sprinkler system review with a Ten Thousand Dollar (\$10,000) limit, said funds to be expended by the Grafton Fire Department.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 29. BOARD OF HEALTH REVOLVING ACCOUNT – MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the Board of Health revolving account pursuant to MGL c44, s53E1/2 entitled “Vaccine Administration Reimbursement” for the purposes of receiving payments from Medicare Part 855B and other 3rd party providers for the distribution of influenza and pneumococcal vaccines with a Three Thousand Dollar (\$3,000) limit that may be spent from such account for immunization administration in the ensuring fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

## **ARTICLE 29. BOARD OF HEALTH REVOLVING ACCOUNT – MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT**

Upon motion of Deborah Chouinard, 7 Old Upton Road, it was voted to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the Board of Health revolving account pursuant to MGL c44, s53E1/2 entitled “Vaccine Administration Reimbursement” for the purposes of receiving payments from Medicare Part 855B and other 3rd party providers for the distribution of influenza and pneumococcal vaccines with a Three Thousand Dollar (\$3,000) limit that may be spent from such account for immunization administration in the ensuring fiscal year.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 30. BOARD OF HEALTH – WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT FACILITY PROJECTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of

the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) and issue bonds or notes therefore under G.L. c111, Section 127B1/2 and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town, that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects, and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.

Submitted by: Board of Health

## **ARTICLE 30. BOARD OF HEALTH – WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT FACILITY PROJECTS**

Upon motion of Ernest Peters, 18 Second Street, it was voted to appropriate Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) and issue bonds or notes therefore under G.L. c111, Section 127B1/2 and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town, that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds vote.

### **ARTICLE 31. LONG RANGE SIDEWALK**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to Account #1-800-6420-5865 Long Range Sidewalk Account or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: DPW Advisory Committee

### **ARTICLE 31. LONG RANGE SIDEWALK**

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to Account #1-800-6420-5865 Long Range Sidewalk

Moderator declared the motion carried.

### **ARTICLE 32. LONG RANGE DRAINAGE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of Twenty thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to Account #1-800-640-5863 Long Range Drainage Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: DPW Advisory Committee

### **ARTICLE 32. LONG RANGE DRAINAGE**

Upon motion of Christopher LeMay, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to Account #1-800-640-5863 Long Range Drainage Account.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

### **ARTICLE 33. DPW ADVISORY COMMITTEE – TRANSPORTATION BOND BILL**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury Three Hundred Seventy-two Thousand Thirty-nine Dollars (\$372,039) for State-Aid Highway purposes as requested by the Board of Selectmen to be reimbursed from the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Transportation Bond Bill so-called and amendments thereto for construction, reconstruction and improvements including surface treatments and other work incidental to the above, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

### **ARTICLE 33. DPW ADVISORY COMMITTEE – TRANSPORTATION BOND BILL**

Upon motion of Mary Ann Cotton, it was voted to raise and appropriate Three Hundred Seventy-two Thousand Thirty-nine Dollars (\$372,039) for State-Aid Highway purposes as requested by the Board of Selectmen to be reimbursed from the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Transportation Bond Bill so-called and amendments thereto for construction, reconstruction and improvements including surface treatments and other work incidental to the above.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

### **ARTICLE 34. DPW – ILLICIT DISCHARGE BY-LAW**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a new By-law – ILLICIT DISCHARGE BY-LAW as follows:

#### **SECTION 1. PURPOSE**

Increased and contaminated stormwater runoff is a major cause of impairment of water quality and flow in lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, wetlands and groundwater; contamination of drinking water supplies; alteration or destruction of aquatic and wildlife habitat; and flooding.

Regulation of illicit connections and discharges to the municipal storm drain system is necessary for the protection of the town's water bodies and groundwater, and to safeguard the public health, safety, welfare and the environment.

The objectives of this by-law are:

1. to prevent pollutants from entering the town's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4);
2. to prohibit illicit connections and unauthorized discharges to the MS4;
3. to require the removal of all such illicit connections;
4. to comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to stormwater discharges; and
5. to establish the legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this by-law through inspection, monitoring, and enforcement.

#### **SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this by-law, the following shall mean:

**AUTHORITY:** Board of Selectmen.

**AUTHORIZED ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY:** The Department of Public Works hereafter the DPW its employees or agents designated to enforce this by-law.

**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP):** An activity, procedure, restraint, or structural improvement that helps to reduce the quantity or improve the quality of stormwater runoff.

**CLEAN WATER ACT:** The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) as hereafter amended.

**DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS:** The addition from any source of any pollutant or combination of pollutants into the municipal storm drain system or into the waters of the United States or Commonwealth from any source.

**GROUNDWATER:** Water beneath the surface of the ground.

**ILLICIT CONNECTION:** A surface or subsurface drain or conveyance, which allows an illicit discharge into the municipal storm drain system, including without limitation sewage, process wastewater, or wash water and any connections from indoor drains, sinks, or toilets, regardless of whether said connection was previously allowed, permitted, or approved before the effective date of this by-law.

**ILLICIT DISCHARGE:** Direct or indirect discharge to the municipal storm drain system that is not composed entirely of stormwater, except as exempted in Section 8. The term does not include a discharge in compliance with an NPDES Storm Water Discharge Permit or a Surface Water Discharge Permit.

**IMPERVIOUS SURFACE:** Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water infiltrating the underlying soil. Impervious surface includes without limitation roads, paved parking lots, sidewalks, and rooftops.

**MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) or MUNICIPAL STORM DRAIN SYSTEM:** The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the town of Grafton.

**NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) STORM WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT:** A permit issued by United States Environmental Protection Agency or jointly with the State that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States.

**NON-STORMWATER DISCHARGE:** Discharge to the municipal storm drain system not composed entirely of stormwater

**PERSON:** An individual, partnership, association, firm, company, trust, corporation, agency, authority, department or political subdivision of the Commonwealth or the federal government, to the extent permitted by law, and any officer, employee, or agent of such person.

**POLLUTANT:** Any element or property of sewage, agricultural, industrial or commercial waste, runoff, leachate, heated effluent, or other matter whether originating at a point or non-point source, that is or may be introduced into any sewage treatment works or waters of the Commonwealth. Pollutants shall include without limitation:

- (1) paints, varnishes, and solvents;
- (2) oil and other automotive fluids;
- (3) non-hazardous liquid and solid wastes and yard wastes;
- (4) refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects, ordnances, accumulations and floatables;
- (5) pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers;
- (6) hazardous materials and wastes; sewage, fecal coliform and pathogens;
- (7) dissolved and particulate metals;
- (8) animal wastes;
- (9) rock, sand, salt, soils;
- (10) construction wastes and residues; and
- (11) and noxious or offensive matter of any kind.

**PROCESS WASTEWATER:** Water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any material, intermediate product, finished product, or waste product.

**RECHARGE:** The process by which groundwater is replenished by precipitation through the percolation of runoff and surface water through the soil.

**STORMWATER:** Storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface water runoff and drainage.

**SURFACE WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT.** A permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) pursuant to 314 CMR 3.00 that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**TOXIC OR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL or WASTE:** Any material, which because of its quantity, concentration, chemical, corrosive, flammable, reactive, toxic, infectious or radioactive characteristics, either separately or in combination with any substance or substances, constitutes a present or potential threat to human health, safety, welfare, or to the environment. Toxic or hazardous materials include any synthetic organic chemical, petroleum product, heavy metal, radioactive or infectious waste, acid and alkali, and any substance defined as Toxic or Hazardous under G.L. Ch.21C and Ch.21E, and the regulations at 310 CMR 30.000 and 310 CMR 40.0000.

**WATERCOURSE:** A natural or man-made channel through which water flows or a stream of water, including a river, brook or underground stream.

**WATERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH:** All waters within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth, including, without limitation, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, springs, impoundments, estuaries, wetlands, coastal waters, and groundwater.

**WASTEWATER:** Any sanitary waste, sludge, or septic tank or cesspool overflow, and water that during manufacturing, cleaning or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct or waste product.

### **SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY**

This by-law shall apply to flows entering the municipally owned storm drainage system.

### **SECTION 4. AUTHORITY**

This bylaw is adopted under the authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution and the Home Rule Procedures Act, and pursuant to the regulations of the federal Clean Water Act found at 40 CFR 122.34.

### **SECTION 5. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION**

The DPW shall administer, implement and enforce this by-law. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the DPW may be delegated in writing by the Board of Selectmen to the DPW.

## **SECTION 6. REGULATIONS**

The Board of Selectmen may promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this by-Law. Failure by the Board of Selectmen to promulgate such rules and regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this by-law.

## **SECTION 7. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

**Illicit Discharges.** No person shall dump, discharge, cause or allow to be discharged any pollutant or non-stormwater discharge into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), into a watercourse, or into the waters of the Commonwealth.

**Illicit Connections.** No person shall construct, use, allow, maintain or continue any illicit connection to the municipal storm drain system, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under applicable law, regulation or custom at the time of connection.

**Obstruction of Municipal Storm Drain System.** No person shall obstruct or interfere with the normal flow of stormwater into or out of the municipal storm drain system without prior written approval from Board of Selectmen.

## **SECTION 8. EXEMPTIONS**

Discharge or flow resulting from fire fighting activities.

The following non-stormwater discharges or flows are exempt from the prohibition of non-stormwater provided that the source is not a significant contributor of a pollutant to the municipal storm drain system:

- (1) Waterline flushing;
- (2) Flow from potable water sources;
- (3) Springs;
- (4) Natural flow from riparian habitats and wetlands;
- (5) Diverted stream flow;
- (6) Rising groundwater;
- (7) Uncontaminated groundwater infiltration as defined in 40 CFR 35.2005(20), or uncontaminated pumped groundwater;
- (8) Water from exterior foundation drains, footing drains not including active groundwater dewatering systems, crawl space pumps.

- (9) Discharge from landscape irrigation or lawn watering or air conditioning condensation;
- (10) Water from individual residential car washing;
- (11) Discharge from dechlorinated swimming pool water (less than one ppm chlorine) provided the water is allowed to stand for one week prior to draining and the pool is drained in such a way as not to cause a nuisance;
- (12) Discharge from street sweeping;
- (13) Dye testing, provided writing notification is given to the DPW prior to the time of the test;
- (14) Non-stormwater discharge permitted under an NPDES permit or a Surface Water Discharge Permit, waiver, or waste discharge order administered under the authority of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the Department of Environmental Protection, provided that the discharge is in full compliance with the requirements of the permit, waiver, or order and applicable laws and regulations,
- (15) Discharge for which advanced written approval is received from the Board of Selectmen as necessary to protect public health, safety, welfare or the environment,
- (16) For discharges pertaining to items defined in section 7 and 8 the Town shall require testing of currently conveyed or to be conveyed flow at the expense of the property owner. The town may also require a hydraulic capacity analysis of its drainage system to accommodate the flow conveyed or to be conveyed.

## **SECTION 9. EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM ACCESS**

The Board of Selectmen may suspend municipal storm drain system access to any person or property without prior written notice when such suspension is necessary to stop an actual or threatened discharge of pollutants that presents imminent risk of harm to the public health, safety, welfare or the environment. In the event any person fails to comply with an emergency suspension order, the Authorized Enforcement Agency may take all reasonable steps to prevent or minimize harm to the public health, safety, welfare or the environment.

**SECTION 10. NOTIFICATION OF SPILLS** Notwithstanding other requirements of local, state or federal law, as soon as a person responsible for a facility or operation, or responsible for emergency response for a facility or operation

has information of or suspects a release of materials at that facility or operation resulting in or which may result in discharge of pollutants to the municipal drainage system or waters of the Commonwealth, the person shall take all necessary steps to ensure containment, and cleanup of the release. In the event of a release of oil or hazardous materials, the person shall immediately notify the municipal fire and police departments and [insert other appropriate departments]. In the event of a release of non-hazardous material, the reporting person shall notify the Authorized Enforcement Agency no later than the next business day. The reporting person shall provide to the Authorized Enforcement Agency written confirmation of all telephone, facsimile or in-person notifications within three business days thereafter. If the discharge of prohibited materials is from a commercial or industrial facility, the facility owner or operator of the facility shall retain on-site a written record of the discharge and the actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Such records shall be retained for at least three years.

## **SECTION 11. ENFORCEMENT**

The Board of Selectmen through the DPW shall enforce this by-law, regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.

**Civil Relief.:** If a person violates the provisions of this by-law, regulations, permit, notice, or order issued thereunder, the Board of Selectmen may seek injunctive relief in a court of competent jurisdiction restraining the person from activities which would create further violations or compelling the person to perform abatement or remediation of the violation.

**Orders:** The DPW may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of this by-law or the regulations thereunder, which may include: (a) elimination of illicit connections or discharges to the MS4; (b) performance of monitoring, analyses, and reporting; (c) that unlawful discharges, practices, or operations shall cease and desist; and (d) remediation of contamination in connection therewith.

If the town determines that abatement or remediation of contamination is required, the order shall set forth a deadline by which such abatement or remediation must be completed. Said order shall further advise that, should the violator or property owner fail to abate or perform remediation within the specified deadline, the town may, at its option, undertake such work, and expenses thereof shall be charged to the violator.

Within thirty (30) days after completing all measures necessary to abate the violation or perform remediation, the violator and the property owner will be notified of the costs incurred by the town including administrative costs. The vi-



olator or property owner may file a written protest objecting to the amount or basis of costs with the Board of Selectmen within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of the costs incurred. If the amount due is not received by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or within thirty (30) days following a decision of the Board of Selectmen affirming or reducing the costs, or from a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the costs shall become a special assessment against the property owner and shall constitute a lien on the owner's property for the amount of said costs. Interest shall begin to accrue on any unpaid costs at the statutory rate provided in G.L. Ch. 59, § 57 after the thirty-first day at which the costs first become due.

**Criminal Penalty:** Any person who violates any provision of this by-law, regulation, order or permit issued thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$ 250.00. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

**Non-Criminal Disposition:** As an alternative to criminal prosecution or civil action, the Board of Selectmen may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in G.L. Ch. 40, §21D in which case the DPW shall be the enforcing town department. The penalty for the 1st violation shall be \$100.00. The penalty for the 2nd violation shall be \$250.00. The penalty for the 3rd and subsequent violations shall be \$300.00. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

**Entry to Perform Duties Under this By-Law:** To the extent permitted by state law, or if authorized by the owner or other party in control of the property, the Board of Selectmen, its agents, officers, and employees may enter upon privately owned property for the purpose of performing their duties under this by-law and regulations and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Board deems reasonably necessary.

**Appeals:** The decisions or orders of the Board of Selectmen shall be final. Further relief shall be to a court of competent jurisdiction.

**Remedies Not Exclusive:** The remedies listed in this by-law are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law.

## **SECTION 12. SEVERABILITY**

The provisions of this by-law are hereby declared to be severable. If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause, of this by-law or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of this by-law.

## **SECTION 13. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

Residential property owners shall have (90) ninety days from the effective date of the by-law to comply with its provisions provided good cause is shown for the failure to comply with the by-law during that period.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

## **ARTICLE 34. DPW – ILLICIT DISCHARGE BY-LAW**

Upon motion of Peter Adams, it was voted to adopt a new By-law – ILLICIT DISCHARGE BY-LAW as printed in the Warrant of this Town Meeting.

Motion was made by David Robbins to delete in Section 11 Enforcement the paragraph entitled "NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION".

The Moderator declared Mr. Robbins's motion defeated.

With a standing vote of 63 in favor and 27 against, the Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 35. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$19,500) in the fiscal year 2010 Community Preservation revenues for the purpose of funding the operating budget of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

## **ARTICLE 35. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – OPERATING BUDGET**

Upon motion of Paul Scarlett, 47 Carroll Road, it was voted to authorize the use of Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$19,500) in the fiscal year 2010 Community Preservation revenues for the purpose of funding the operating budget of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC).

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 36. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – SOUTH GRAFTON COMMUNITY HOUSE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Fifty-one Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$51,700) from the Undesignated Fund Balance to complete interior historical restoration work at the South Grafton Community House, as requested by the Trustees of the South Grafton Community House, with such approval to expire on June 30, 2011, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

#### **ARTICLE 36. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – SOUTH GRAFTON COMMUNITY HOUSE**

Upon motion of Paul Scarlett, it was voted to appropriate Fifty-one Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$51,700) from the Undesignated Fund Balance to complete interior historical restoration work at the South Grafton Community House, as requested by the Trustees of the South Grafton Community House, with such approval to expire on June 30, 2011.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 37. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) from the Undesignated Fund Balance to hire a consultant to perform a historic preservation feasibility study of the Grafton Public Library to determine the best means for making the building handicap accessible as requested by the Board of Library Trustees with such approval to expire on June 30, 2011, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

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The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 38. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer Eighty-four Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$84,050) from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve account to the Grafton Affordable Housing Trust such funds to be used in accordance with the CPA guidelines for community housing, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

#### **ARTICLE 38. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

Upon motion of Jennifer Thomas, 67 Upton Street, it was voted transfer Eighty-four Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$84,050) from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve account to the Grafton Affordable Housing Trust such funds to be used in accordance with the CPA guidelines for community housing.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 39. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE –NIPMUC HOMESTEAD**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Thirty-one Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$31,500) from the Undesignated Fund Balance to fund the second phase of the restoration of the Hassanamisco Homestead located on the Hassanamisco Reservation as requested by the Nipmuc Tribal Leaders, with such funds to be appropriated only upon execution of Historical Preservation Agreement between the Grafton Board of Selectmen and the Nipmuc Nation. Funds are to be expended by June 30, 2011, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

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The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 40. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – HASSANAMESIT WOODS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) from the Undesignated Fund Balance to partially fund the 2009 archaeology field school located at Hassanamesit Woods, as requested by the Hassanamesit Woods Management Committee, such funds to be expended before June 30, 2010, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

#### **ARTICLE 40. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – HASSANAMESIT WOODS**

Motion was made by Jennifer Thomas to appropriate Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) from the Undesignated Fund Balance to partially fund the 2009 archaeology field school located at Hassanamesit Woods, as requested by the Hassanamesit Woods Management Committee, such funds to be expended before June 30, 2010.

On a standing vote of 39 in favor and 45 opposed, the Moderator declared the motion defeated.

#### **ARTICLE 41. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE - LAKE RIPPLE DREDGING OPEN SPACE PROJECT**

To see if the Town will vote to extend the sunset provision, set to expire on June 30, 2009 for the previously approved One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) in Community Preservation Act funds for the Lake Ripple Dredging Open Space Project, with such funds as previously authorized now to be expended before June 30, 2012, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

#### **ARTICLE 41. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE - LAKE RIPPLE DREDGING OPEN SPACE PROJECT**

Upon motion of Jennifer Thomas, it was voted to extend the sunset provision, set to expire on June 30, 2009 for the previously approved One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) in Community Preservation Act funds for the Lake Ripple Dredging Open Space Project, with such funds as previously authorized now to be expended before June 30, 2012.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 42. AMEND ZONING BY-LAW - REPLACE WORDING SECTION 3.4.2.4**

To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-Law by replacing the existing wording in Section 3.4.2.4 with the following:

- 3.4.2.4 Nonconforming single family or two-family residential structures may be reconstructed, extended, altered, or structurally changed upon a determination by the Inspector of Buildings that such proposed reconstruction, extension, alter-

ation, or change does not increase the nonconforming nature of such structure. The following circumstances shall not be deemed to increase the nonconforming nature of such structure:

- (i) alteration to a structure located on a lot with insufficient area provided that the alteration complies with all current setback, yard, building coverage, and building height requirements.
- (ii) alteration to a structure located on a lot with insufficient frontage provided that the alteration complies with all current setback, yard, building coverage, and building height requirements.
- (iii) alteration to a structure which encroaches upon one or more required yard or setback areas, provided that the alteration will comply with all current setback, yard, building coverage and building height requirements. or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

#### **ARTICLE 42. AMEND ZONING BY-LAW - REPLACE WORDING SECTION 3.4.2.4**

Upon motion of Craig Dauphinais, it was voted to amend its Zoning By-Law by replacing the existing wording in Section 3.4.2.4 as printed in the Warrant of this Town Meeting.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds vote.

#### **ARTICLE 43. PLANNING BOARD – DIGITIZE ZONING MAP**

To see if the Town will vote to convert the Zoning Map to a digitized and colorized version with no boundary changes and to amend Section 3.1.2 – Zoning Map by deleting “Zoning Districts – Grafton Town Map dated May 12, 1986 and last revised March 9, 1992, on file with the Town Clerk” and substituting in its place “Town of Grafton – Zoning Map, on file with the Town Clerk.”, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board



#### **ARTICLE 43. PLANNING BOARD – DIGITIZE ZONING MAP**

Upon motion of Christophe Courchesne, 21 Rose Lane, it was voted to convert the Zoning Map to a digitized and colorized version with no boundary changes and to amend Section 3.1.2 – Zoning Map by deleting “Zoning Districts – Grafton Town Map dated May 12, 1986 and last revised March 9, 1992, on file with the Town Clerk” and substituting in its place “Town of Grafton – Zoning Map, on file with the Town Clerk.”.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds vote.

#### **ARTICLE 44. BOARD OF SELECTMEN – ZONING AMENDMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to make the following minor substantive changes to Sections 2.3 and 4.4.4.2(2) of the Zoning By-law to remove internal inconsistencies therein as follows:

Section 2.3: Delete the words “erected and maintained by the Town” from the definition of Institutional Directory Sign, which currently states “A freestanding outdoor sign erected and maintained by the Town that directs the public to civic educational, cultural and/or religious facilities for reasons of public safety, convenience and improved traffic flow,” so that it now reads “A freestanding outdoor sign that directs the public to civic, educational, cultural and/or religious facilities for reasons of public safety, convenience and improved traffic flow.”

Section 4.4.4.2(2), Change the title from “Alternative Location for a Directory Sign” to “Alternative Location for a Directional or Institutional Sign;” and likewise replace the words “directory sign” in the first sentence of said section with the words “directional or institutional sign.” or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

#### **ARTICLE 44. BOARD OF SELECTMEN – ZONING AMENDMENTS**

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to pass over this Article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 45. GRAFTON WATER DISTRICT – AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Aquifer Protection District Zoning by-law by adding the following after paragraph 7.4.C.16:

“7.4.C.17 The use, storage and manufacture of perchlorate as it applies to: a. Fireworks b. Blasting agents c. Other materials containing perchlorate” or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Grafton Water District

#### **ARTICLE 45. GRAFTON WATER DISTRICT – AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Upon motion of Charles Bolack, 1 Hawthorne Road, it was voted to amend the Aquifer Protection District Zoning by-law by adding the following after paragraph 7.4.C.16:

“7.4.C.17 The use, storage and manufacture of perchlorate as it applies to: a. Fireworks b. Blasting agents c. Other materials containing perchlorate”

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds vote.

To see if the Town will vote to change and add to the Grafton Zoning By-Law as follows:

##### **Add the following to the Definition section**

##### **CHANGEABLE ELECTRONIC VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS (CEVMS)**

Changeable electronic variable message sign is a sign which permits lights to be turned on or off intermittently, including any illuminated sign on which such illumination is not kept stationary or constant in intensity and color at all times when such sign is in use, including a light emitting diode (LED) or digital sign, and which varies in color or intensity.

##### **Amend Section 4.4.2.1 by adding:**

Notwithstanding the prohibitions set forth herein, CHANGEABLE ELECTRONIC VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS (CEVMS) shall be permitted in all districts where any illuminated sign (s) as otherwise defined in this By-Law are allowed. Said CEVMS shall be subject to all of the size, shape and placement standards as are set forth in this ByOpLaw and shall in addition to any other regulation affecting signs shall be further regulated as follows:

- (a) Duration of message: Any message, advertisement, announcement or display (except time and temperature) shall remain fixed on the CEVMS for a period of no less than five (5) minutes.
- (b) Transition Time: When changing the message, ad-

vertisement, announcement or display, there shall be a minimum of 10 seconds delay between changes.

- (c) **Brightness:** All CEVMS shall be equipped with a light detector/photocell, a scheduled dimming timer, or a manual control by which the sign's brightness can be dimmed when ambient light conditions darken. The Inspector of Buildings shall have the authority to enforce reasonable standards upon any owner of a CEVMS regarding the brightness of the CEVMS. The authority granted herein shall be deemed to be in addition to and not exclusive of the Building Inspector's enforcement authority as set forth in Section 4.4.3.1.
- (d) **Flashing and Scrolling:** No CEVMS shall have any message advertisement, announcement or display; flash, scroll or otherwise move across the surface of the sign.
- (e) **Temperature and Time:** All CEVMS shall be allowed to display, the time and temperature. In that regard, the time and temperature shall be fixed for a period of one minute, and the change may be made without regard to the 10 second delay set forth in Section 4.4.2.1 (b). as petitioned for by more than ten (10) registered voters of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizen Petition

#### **ARTICLE 46. CITIZEN PETITION – CHANGEABLE ELECTRONIC VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS**

Upon motion of Charles Bolack, it was voted to pass over this article.

Mr. Bolack read a letter from the Grafton Suburban Credit Union requesting this Article by citizen petition be withdrawn.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 47. CITIZEN PETITION – EXTENSION OF SEWER LINE**

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds and appropriate Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) to fund the extension of sewer lines from Grafton Middle School on North Street down to Stonegate Circle; and to further authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to enter into contracts to design, build, administer, and construct said extension and to accept and expend any state an/or federal funds that may be made available for the purposes of this vote”, as petitioned for by

more than ten (10) registered voters of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizen Petition

#### **ARTICLE 47. CITIZEN PETITION – EXTENSION OF SEWER LINE**

Motion was made by Tina Doucet, 2 Old Westboro Road, to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds and appropriate Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) to fund the extension of sewer lines from Grafton Middle School on North Street down to Stonegate Circle; and to further authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to enter into contracts to design, build, administer, and construct said extension and to accept and expend any state an/or federal funds that may be made available for the purposes of this vote.

The Moderator declared the motion out of order as there was no funding source specified.

#### **ARTICLE 48. CITIZEN PETITION – ACCEPT NANTUCKET PLACE AS PUBLIC WAY**

“To see if the Town will vote to accept the roadways and associated utilities and easements known as Nantucket Place located in Mazza Farm subdivision,” as petitioned for by more than ten (10) registered voters of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizen Petition

#### **ARTICLE 48. CITIZEN PETITION – ACCEPT NANTUCKET PLACE AS PUBLIC WAY**

Upon motion of Christopher LeMay, it was voted to accept the roadways and associated utilities and easements known as Nantucket Place located in the Mazza Farm subdivision.

Mr. LeMay read the report of the Board of Selectmen.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 49. CITIZEN PETITION – ACCEPT CHISWELL ROAD & COACH HOUSE ROAD**

“To see if the Town will vote to accept the roadways and associated utilities and easements known as Chiswell Road & Coach House Road located in Glenwood Estates II subdivision,” as petitioned for by more than ten (10) registered voters of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizen Petition

**ARTICLE 49. CITIZEN PETITION – ACCEPT CHISWELL ROAD & COACH HOUSE ROAD**

Upon motion of Mary Ann Cotton, it was voted to pass over this Article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 50. ACQUIRE DRAINAGE EASEMENT OVER PRIVATE LAND NEAR WILLARD STREET**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, and to accept deeds of easement interests for a permanent drainage easement on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine, and in a final location or location as the Selectmen may determine, on, across, over and or under the following land: A certain tract of land of Willard House & Clock Museum, Inc. located in the Town of Grafton, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and shown on a plan entitled: Drainage Easement Off Willard Street, prepared by: Town of Grafton Engineering Department, dated: March 6, 2008, land located at 63 Wesson Road, Assessor's Map 22, Lot 5 and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a drill hole in a wall on the westerly sideline of Willard Street, aid point being the most northeasterly corner of the drainage easement, as shown on the aforementioned plan,

Thence S 05° 56' 09" W a distance of 30.00 feet along the westerly line of Willard Street to a point at land N/F of the Willard House & Clock Museum, Inc.

Thence N 84° 30' 00" W a distance of 253.31 feet along land N/F of the Willard House & Clock, Inc.,

Thence N 31° 21' 09" E a distance of 33.34 feet along other land of the Willard House & Clock Museum, Inc., to a point,

Thence S 84° 30' 00" e A DISTANCE OF 239.00 feet along other land of the Willard House & Clock Museum, Inc., to the point of beginning.

Said easement contains 7,385 square feet more or less.

The scope of said permanent drainage easement is for the benefit of the Town of Grafton and is to allow the Town of Grafton, its agents, servants, employees, successors and assigns, to access, install, construct, reconstruct, maintain, replace, and repair, a storm drainage system together with manholes, drainage pipes, headwalls, ditches, and any other appurtenances deemed necessary to ensure the adequate discharge of storm water from said Willard Street,

And further to see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money, or accept gifts of easement interests for this purpose, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 50. ACQUIRE DRAINAGE EASEMENT OVER PRIVATE LAND NEAR WILLARD STREET**

Upon motion of Christopher LeMay, it was voted to pass over this Article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made at 12:12 a.m.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

A true copy,  
Attest:

Maureen A. Clark, Town Clerk  
Grafton, MA

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF GRAFTON  
SEMI-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2009**

The Semi-Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Grafton was held on Monday, October 19, 2009 in the John Fitzgerald Memorial Auditorium of the Grafton High School.

Upon order of the Moderator Roger Trahan, 4 Old Upton Road, checkers were stationed at the entrances to the hall, using voting lists on which to check the names of those persons who entered.

The Moderator opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Christopher LeMay led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Trahan pointed out the emergency exits.

Elias Hanna, 58 Brigham Hill Road, of the Economic Development Commission, awarded the Business of the Year Award to Floral Elegance. Accepting the award on behalf of Floral Elegance was owner Beverly McClure.

The Moderator advised all present of the procedures used during Town Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. LeMay to ratify Mr. Trahan's appointment of Daniel Concaugh, 53 Old Upton Road as Deputy Moderator. The motion carried.

Maureen Clark read the return of the warrant.

**ARTICLE 1. HEAR REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will hear any reports of officers, boards and committees as recognized, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 1. HEAR REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEE**

Upon motion of Christopher LeMay it was voted that any committee who wishes to make a report be granted 10 minutes to do so.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Richard McCarthy of 190 Old Westboro Road gave a report from the School Building Committee.

**ARTICLE 2. BALANCE FY10 BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of adjusting the FY10 Budget and balance line items within certain accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 2. BALANCE FY10 BUDGET**

Upon motion of Mary Ann Cotton, 40 Pleasant Street, it was voted to transfer:

- \$40,000 from DPW Department Head Salaries to Town Administrator Professional Technical line item;
- \$14,000 from Hydrant Rental line item to Treasurer/Collector Department head salary line item;
- \$10,000 from Engineering Department Head Salaries to Tax Title line item;
- \$30,000 from DPW Department Head Salaries to Unemployment Fund;
- \$10,518 from Sewer Betterments to Interest on Long-Term Debt;

Furthermore, I move that the Town vote to Raise and Appropriate:

- \$6,240 for Interest on Short-Term Debt (for Feasibility Study)
- \$17,437.50 for Interest on Long-Term Debt (for Modulators)
- \$75,000 for Principal on Long-Term Debt (for Modulators)

For the purpose of balancing the FY10 Budget by balancing line items within certain accounts.

David Libbey, Chairman of the Finance Committee, advised that the Committee has reconsidered and now support passage of this article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 3. PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BILLS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

### ARTICLE 3. PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BILLS

Upon motion of Peter Adams, it was voted to transfer from Hydrant Rental the following sums of money to pay bills incurred in a prior fiscal year.

DPW	"Cronatron"	\$542.09
Building Inspector	"Thomas West"	\$176.40
GIS	"Applied Geographic"	\$375.00
Board of Selectmen	"Old Colony"	\$233.94
Board of Selectmen	"Old Colony"	\$123.10
Board of Selectmen	"Old Colony"	\$290.58

Total \$1,741.11

The Moderator declared the motion, which required a four-fifths vote, carried unanimously.

### ARTICLE 4. AMEND TOWN OF GRAFTON – PERSONNEL BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Grafton By-laws – Article 20 – PERSONNEL BY-LAW, as follows:

SECTION 4-8. Bereavement Leave. add the relationships of "brother-in-law and sister-in-law" to the definition of the term "immediate family".

SECTION 4-13 Sick Leave. d. Sick leave may be taken in increments. Change to "Sick leave may be taken in increments of one-half (1/2) hour"

SECTION 4-14. Leave of Absence. Amend the fifth sentence of the first paragraph to read "If the leave extends beyond 30 days, the employee may remain on the Town's group health insurance to the extent permitted by COBRA".

SECTION 4-19 Holiday Leave. add – "Christmas Eve shall be observed as a paid holiday only when it falls on a Monday through Friday, provided employees shall only be eligible for overtime compensation if they are required to work after the end of their regularly scheduled work day."

SECTION 4-23. Longevity. Any regular employee who reaches the maximum of the rate range of their classification and is no longer eligible for progression step increases, and has reached 15 years of continuous service from his anniversary date, shall receive, in the following fiscal year and thereafter, a longevity payment equal to five (5) percent of their base pay. ADD: Anyone who is hired after January 1, 2010 will not be eligible for this benefit, or to take any other action relative thereto.

SECTION 4-25. Classification/Compensation Plan – Supervisory, Professional, Clerical Positions

### Proposed Salary Scale and Position Schedule

#### Town of Grafton

#### Proposed to October 19, 2009 Town Meeting

EXEMPT POSITIONS		START	RANGE	MAX
M-10	Grade Level M-10 Annual	78,000.00		95,000.00
	Chief of Police (on contract)			
	Director of Public Works			
M-9	Grade Level M-9 Annual	75,000.00		85,500.00
	Assistant Town Administrator			
	HR Director*			
	* shared services for town and school			
M-8	Grade Level M-8 Annual	65,000.00		84,160.00
	Highway Superintendent			
	Town Engineer			
	Town Planner			
	Treasurer/Collector			
	Town Accountant			
M-7	Grade Level M-7 Annual	60,000.00		75,818.00
	Police Lieutenant			
	Principal Assessor			
M-6	Grade Level M-6 Annual	55,000.00		68,926.00
	Sewer Superintendent			
	Library Director			
	Building Inspector			
M-5	Grade Level M-5 Annual	49,000.00		62,660.00
	COA Director			
	Engineering Assistant			
	Health Agent			
EXEMPT POSITIONS		START	RANGE	MAX
	Town Clerk *(grandfathered)			
M-4	Grade Level M-4 Annual	43,000.00		56,964.00
	Assistant Highway Superintendent *Hourly grandfathered			
	Recreation Coordinator			
	Cemetery Superintendent * Hourly grandfathered			
	Conservation Agent			
NON EXEMPT PERSONNEL - Hourly		START	RANGE	MAX
M-3	Grade Level M-3 Annual	22.21		28.44
	Assistant to the Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator			
	Assistant Treasurer/Collector			
	Local Inspector			
	Planning Assistant			
	Secretary to the Police Chief			
M-2	Grade Level M-2 Annual	20.00		25.41
	Facilities Manager			
	Secretary to the Town Administrator			
M-1	Grade Level M-1 Annual	18.00		23.10
	Children's Librarian			
	Adult/Reference Librarian			
S-4	Grade Level S-4 Annual	15.50		19.77
	Senior Library Assistant			
	Beach Director			
S-3	Grade Level S-3 Annual	14.75		18.84
	Library Assistant II			
	Assistant Beach Director			
S-2	Grade Level S-2 Annual	13.37		17.13
	Library Assistant I			
	Veteran's Agent			
	Cemetery Crew Leader			
	Conservation Commission Assistant			



NON EXEMPT PERSONNEL		START	RANGE	MAX
S-1	Grade Level S-1 Annual	12.16		15.57
	Laborer - Sewer Seasonal			
	Laborer - Cemetery			
	Clerk			
	Outreach Worker			
	COA Bus Driver			
	Groundskeeper- Nelson Library			
	Custodian - Nelson Library			
	Custodian SGCH			
	Custodian - Library			
	(Finance Committee) Recording Secretary			
	Recreation - Secretary			
	(ZBA) Recording Secretary			
	(Library Trustees) Recording Secretary			

#### NON EXEMPT PERSONNEL 40 Hour a week positions

	Sewer Plant			
WW-6	Grade Level WW-6 Annual	20.85		26.71
	Chief Operator			
WW-5	Grade Level WW-5 Annual	19.53		23.06
	No position assigned			
WW-4	Grade Level WW-4 Annual	18.30		23.43
	Maintenance Mechanic			
WW-3	Grade Level WW-3 Annual	17.43		22.31
	Operator			
WW-2	Grade Level WW-2 Annual	16.52		21.15
	Assistant Operator			
WW-1	Grade Level WW-1 Annual	14.87		19.04
	Laborer			

#### NON EXEMPT POSITIONS

INTERMITTANT/SEASONAL		START	RANGE	MAX
NE-11	Grant Writer	20.00		23.61
NE-10	Non-Exempt Financial Intern	17.50		20.66
NE-9	Non-Exempt Recreation Program Director	16.83		21.55
NE-8	Non-Exempt NE Custodian- non-union grandfathered	16.53		21.19
NE-7	Non-Exempt Sanitation Worker- Part Time- grandfathered	16.22		20.76
	Dispatcher permanent - Part Time			
NE-6	Non-Exempt Recreation Assistant Program Director	13.29		17.02
	Recreation Group Leader			

#### NON EXEMPT POSITIONS

INTERMITTANT/SEASONAL		START	RANGE	MAX
NE-5	Non-Exempt Swimming Instructor (WSI)	12.16		15.58
	Recreation Assistant Group Leader			
	Snack Bar Supervisor			
	Custodian- Part Time- Nelson Park- Grandfathered			
	Sanitation Worker- Part Time			
NE-4	Non-Exempt Assistant Snack bar Supervisor	11.60		14.85
	Lifeguard			
	Groundskeeper			
	Custodian- Part Time			
	Advanced Intern			
NE-3	Non-Exempt Assistant Group Leader in Training	12.00		

NE-2	Non-Exempt Junior Lifeguard	11.00		
	General Intern			
	Recreation Aide			
		START	RANGE	MAX
NE-1	Non-Exempt Recreation Aide in Training	Min. Wage		10.50
	Parking/Snack Bar Assistant			
Fire	Chief	19.71		
	Deputy Chief	19.10		
	Assistant Chief			
	TBD*			
	Captain	TBD		
	Lieutenants	TBD		
	Firefighter	TBD		
	Auxiliary Firefighter	TBD		
Police	Patrol Officer Part Time	Per detail rate in contract		
	Emergency Management Director	TBD		
	Election Worker	Min. Wage		
	(T.M. 05/14/01) (T.M. 10/15/01) (T.M. 10/19/2009)			

\* At the time of printing accurate data was not available.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

### ARTICLE 4. AMEND TOWN OF GRAFTON – PERSONNEL BY-LAW

Upon motion of Craig Dauphinais, it was voted to modify the personnel by-law by:

Adopting Sections 4-8, 4-13, 4-19, and 4-23 as printed in the warrant;

Section 4-14 has been omitted;

Section 4-25 has been omitted;

David Libbey, 44 George Hill Road, Chair of the Finance Committee advised that the Finance Committee has reconsidered this article and now supports passage.

Craig Brazell, 18 Danielle Drive, Chair of the Personnel Advisory Committee, advised that the Personnel Advisory Committee supports passage of this article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

### ARTICLE 5. EASEMENT BROOK MEADOW VILLAGE

To see if the Town will vote to accept an easement on land known as Brook Meadow Village, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to pass over this article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.



## **ARTICLE 6. SEWER – TRANSFER TO MINOR SEWER EXTENSION ACCOUNT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Account #25-800-6440-6084, “GIS Improve Layers” to Account entitled “Minor Sewer Extension”, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

## **ARTICLE 6. SEWER – TRANSFER TO MINOR SEWER EXTENSION ACCOUNT**

Upon motion of Gerald LeBlanc, 106 Elmwood Street, it was voted to transfer \$6,000.00 from Account “GIS Improve Layers”, \$87.37 from Account “Arcadia Pump Station”, \$8,615.00 from Account “Masonry Block Account” and \$3,450.00 from Account, “Article 9, 5/08-Pickup/Plow” to Account entitled “Minor Sewer Extension”.

Mr. Libbey advised that Finance Committee has reconsidered and now supports this article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 7. SEWER – STAGE 2 PLAN & DESIGN**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sums to be determined from Account #25-800-6440-5925, “Arcadia Pump Station”, Account #25-800-6440-05973, “Masonry Block Account”, and Account #25-800-6440-6098, “Art9,5/08-PPickup/Plw” to Account entitled “Stage 2 Plan & Design”, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

## **ARTICLE 7. SEWER – STAGE 2 PLAN & DESIGN**

Upon motion of Gerald LeBlanc, it was voted to transfer \$70,000.00 from the sewer betterments to stage two plan and design.

Mr. Libbey advised that the Finance Committee has reconsidered and now supports this article for \$70,000.00.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 8. SEWER – WATER POLLUTION FACILITY PROJECTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000) for the purpose of financing the following water pollution facility projects: construction or reconstruction of sewers, sewer systems, and

sewage treatment and disposal facilities for stage 2 of the Town’s sewer system; including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 1; of the Massachusetts General Laws; the Sewer Commissioners are authorized to apply for, accept and expend any state and/or federal funds that may be available for the purposes of this vote, said sums to be expended in addition to the amount appropriated herein, and further the Board of Sewer Commissioners are hereby authorized to assess betterments for the cost to the Town for the cost of installation of said sewers and surface drains on the land owners abutting said ways. Said betterments shall be assessed according to frontage of such land on any way in which a sewer is constructed, and be subject to an interest rate of five percent (5%), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

## **ARTICLE 8. SEWER – WATER POLLUTION FACILITY PROJECTS**

Upon motion of Gerald LeBlanc, it was voted to appropriate \$650,000 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution facility projects: construction or reconstruction of sewers, sewer systems, and sewage treatment and disposal facilities for stage 2 of the Town’s sewer system on North Street, from just below the Grafton Middle School to Stonegate Circle, and Cold Spring Drive; including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$650,000 in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 1; of the Massachusetts General Laws; the Sewer Commissioners are authorized to apply for, accept and expend any state and/or federal funds that may be available for the purposes of this vote, said sums to be expended in addition to the amount appropriated herein, and further the Board of Sewer Commissioners are hereby authorized to assess betterments for the cost to the Town for the cost of installation of said sewers and surface drains on the land owners abutting said ways. Said betterments shall be assessed according to frontage of such land on any way in which a sewer is constructed, and be subject to an interest rate of five percent (5%) that the Board of Sewer Commissioners or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to the projects; and that the Board of Sewer Commissioners is authorized to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds vote.

#### **ARTICLE 9. WRTA SENIOR VAN FUNDING**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for WRTA replacement funds and a sum of money to the Gasoline Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Senior Center Director

#### **ARTICLE 9. WRTA SENIOR VAN FUNDING**

Upon motion of Christopher LeMay, it was voted to transfer \$2,000 from Hydrant rentals account to the Council on Aging Transportation Revolving account.

Mr. Libbey advised that the Finance Committee has reconsidered and now supports Article 9 for the sum of \$2,000.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Mr. Trahan recognized the presence of our State Representative, Mr. George Peterson.

#### **ARTICLE 10. SENIOR PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM**

To see if the town will vote to accept the amendment to General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5k, as amended by Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2009, and to increase the maximum amount of the deduction that eligible seniors may take to their property bill from the current limit of \$750 to the limit of \$1,000 and said \$1,000 limit to become effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, and further to provide that the said maximum amount for such deduction shall be increased from time to time without further town meeting action to the allowable state maximum dollar amount, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Senior Center Director

#### **ARTICLE 10. SENIOR PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM**

Upon motion of Michelle Drumm, 175 Providence Road, it was voted to accept Chapter 59, Section 5k, as amended by Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2009, and increase the dollar limit from \$750 to \$1,000 further provide that the amount of such deduction shall be increased from time to time without further town meeting action to the allowable state maximum dollar amount under the Board of Selectmen's authority.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 11. TOWN CLERK – SPECIAL ELECTION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Election & Registration Account for salaries and for expenses, to fund a special State Primary to be held on December 8, 2009 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Edward Kennedy and for a special State Election to be held on January 19, 2010, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Registrars of Voters

#### **ARTICLE 11. TOWN CLERK – SPECIAL ELECTION**

Upon motion of Mary Ann Cotton, it was voted to pass over this article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 12. BY-LAW CHANGE – SOLICITING OR CANVASSING**

To see if the Town will vote to amend ARTICLE 12, SECTION 19 of the Town's By-law Soliciting or Canvassing as follows:

Paragraph 4:

Remove the words"

"shall pay a fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) to the Town of Grafton"

And replace with:

"shall pay a fee to the Town of Grafton as set and periodically amended by the Board of Selectmen," or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Police Chief

#### **ARTICLE 12. BY-LAW CHANGE – SOLICITING OR CANVASSING**

Upon motion of Normand Crepeau, 26 Barbara Jean Street, it was voted to amend Article 12, Section 19 of the General By-laws as printed in the warrant.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 13. CPC – CPA PURPOSES**

To see if the Town will vote to reserve a sum of money from FY2010 Community Preservation Fund revenues for FY2010 Community Preservation Fund purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

### **ARTICLE 13. CPC – CPA PURPOSES**

Upon motion of John Stephens, 81 Potter Hill Road, it was voted to reserve \$255,500 from FY2010 Community Preservation Fund reserves for FY2010 Community Preservation Fund purposes.

Mr. Libbey advised that the Finance Committee has reconsidered and now supports this Article for \$255,500.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

### **ARTICLE 14. CPC - AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESERVE**

To see if the Town will vote to reserve a sum of money from FY2010 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

### **ARTICLE 14. CPC - AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESERVE**

Upon motion of John Stephens, it was voted to reserve \$39,286 from FY2010 Community Preservation Fund reserves for Community Housing purposes.

Mr. Libbey advised that the Finance Committee has reconsidered and now supports this Article for \$39,286.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

### **ARTICLE 15. CPC - OPEN SPACE RESERVE**

To see if the Town will vote to reserve a sum of money from FY2010 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

### **ARTICLE 15. CPC - OPEN SPACE RESERVE**

Upon motion of John Stephens, it was voted to reserve \$39,286 from FY2010 Community Preservation Fund reserves for Open Space purposes.

Mr. Libbey advised that the Finance Committee has reconsidered and now supports this Article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

### **ARTICLE 16. CPC - HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESERVE**

To see if the Town will vote to reserve a sum of money from FY2010 Community Preservation fund revenues for Historic Preservation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

### **ARTICLE 16. CPC - HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESERVE**

Upon motion of John Stephens, it was voted to reserve the sum of \$39,286 from FY2010 Community Preservation fund reserves for Historic Preservation purposes.

Mr. Libbey advised that the Finance Committee has reconsidered and now supports this Article for \$39,286.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Mr. Trahan stepped down and the Deputy Moderator, Daniel Concaugh took over the meeting.

### **ARTICLE 17. CPC - GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCESS RAMP**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-two Thousand Dollars (\$172,000) from the fund balance for CPA purposes for the purpose of making the Grafton Public Library handicap accessible while preserving the historic structure in accordance with Massachusetts Historical Commission requirements as requested by the Board of Library Trustees with such approval to expire on June 30, 2011, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

### **ARTICLE 17. CPC - GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCESS RAMP**

Upon motion of Joann Duncan, 6 Apple Ridge Lane, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$172,000 from the fund balance for CPA purposes for the purpose of improving handicap accessibility of the Grafton Public Library while preserving the historic structure in accordance with Massachusetts Historical Commission requirements as requested by the Board of Library Trustees with such approval to expire on June 30, 2011.

David Ross, 17 Indian Path, advised that the Finance Committee has reconsidered and now supports passage of this Article for \$172,000.

The Deputy Moderator declared the motion carried.

Mr. Trahan returned to the podium at this time.

#### **ARTICLE 18. CPC - OLD GRAFTON TOWN HOUSE FIRE ESCAPE RESTORATION**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) from the undesignated fund balance for the restoration of fire escapes as part of the historic restoration of the Grafton Town House as requested by the Grafton Town House Oversight Committee with such approval to expire on June 30, 2011, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

#### **ARTICLE 18. CPC - OLD GRAFTON TOWN HOUSE FIRE ESCAPE RESTORATION**

Upon motion of Paul Scarlett, 47 Carroll Road, it was voted to appropriate \$75,000 from the CPA undesignated fund balance for the restoration of fire escapes as part of the historic restoration of the Grafton Town House as requested by the Grafton Town House Oversight Committee with such approval to expire on June 30, 2011.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 19. CPC - OLD GRAFTON TOWN HOUSE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$9,800) from the undesignated fund balance for completion of design plans and construction specifications for the historical restoration of the exterior of the Grafton Town House as requested by the Grafton Town House Oversight Committee with such approval to expire on June 30, 2011, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

#### **ARTICLE 19. CPC - OLD GRAFTON TOWN HOUSE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

Upon motion of Paul Scarlett, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$9,800 from the CPA undesignated fund balance for the completion of design plans and construction specifications for the historical restoration of the exterior of the Grafton Town House as requested by the Grafton Town House Oversight Committee.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 20. CPC – PELL FARM BOND PAYMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$38,000) from the Open Space Reserve and Fifty-three Thousand Two Hundred and Eighteen Dollars and Seventy-five Cents (\$53,218.75) from the fund balance for CPA purposes for the purpose of making the first year interest and principle payment on the \$1.2 Million bond issued for the purchase of the Pell Farm property, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

#### **ARTICLE 20. CPC – PELL FARM BOND -PAYMENT**

Upon motion of Joann Duncan, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$39,286 from the Open Space Reserve and \$51,932.75 from the fund balance for CPA purposes for the purpose of making the first year interest and principle payment on the \$1.2 Million bond issued for the purchase of the Pell Farm property.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 21. BLACKSTONE VALLEY TECHNICAL SCHOOL STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Sixty-nine Thousand Fifty-five Dollars (\$69,055) to the Blackstone Stabilization Fund Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

#### **ARTICLE 21. BLACKSTONE VALLEY TECHNICAL SCHOOL STABILIZATION FUND**

Upon motion of Peter Adams, it was voted to pass over this article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 22. MONEY TO THE STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

## ARTICLE 22. MONEY TO THE STABILIZATION FUND

Upon motion of Craig Dauphinais, it was voted to pass over this article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## ARTICLE 23. MUNICIPAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town of Grafton will vote to establish under Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, a Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of accepting funds from a variety of sources to be used exclusively for the annual capital expenditures by town departments, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

## ARTICLE 23. MUNICIPAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to pass over this article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## ARTICLE 24. AMEND ZONING BY-LAW – RECREATIONAL USES

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law as follows:

Section 3.2.3.1. page 9 of 19, Recreational Uses: delete line item 4, “Massage parlors” in its entirety; and renumber the remaining items in Recreational Uses:

Section 2.1, Definitions: amend the definition of “Professional Office: to read as follows (new language in bold):

“An office of recognized professions such as doctors, lawyers, massage/muscular therapists **licensed by the appropriate boards/commissions of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts**, engineers, artists, musicians, designers, and others, who through training are qualified to perform services of a professional nature.”

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

## ARTICLE 24. AMEND ZONING BY-LAW – RECREATIONAL USES

Upon motion of Christopher LeMay, it was voted to amend the Zoning By-law as printed in warrant of this Town Meeting except for the following:

Section 2.1, Definitions: amend the definition of “Professional Office: to read as follows (new language in bold):

“An office of recognized professions such as doctors, lawyers, massage/muscular therapists **licensed by the appropriate boards/commissions with the town and of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts**, engineers, artists, musicians, designers, and others, who through training are qualified to perform services of a professional nature.”

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds vote.

## ARTICLE 25. AMEND ZONING BY-LAW – CHANGEABLE ELECTRONIC VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS (CEVMS)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law as follows:

Add the following to the Definition Section

### CHANGEABLE ELECTRONIC VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS (CEVMS)

Changeable electronic variable message sign is a sign which permits lights to be turned on or off intermittently or which is operated in a way whereby light is turned on or off intermittently, including any illuminated sign on which such illumination is not kept stationary or constant in intensity and color at all times when such sign is in use, including a light emitting diode (LED) or digital sign, and which varies in color or intensity.

Amend Section 4.4.2.1 by adding:

Notwithstanding the prohibitions set forth herein, herein CHANGEABLE ELECTRONIC VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS (CEVMS) shall be permitted in all districts where any illuminated sign (s) as otherwise defined in this By-Law are allowed. Said CEVMS shall be subject to all of the size, shape and placement standards as are set forth in this By-Law and shall in addition to any other regulation affecting signs shall be further regulated as follows:

- (a) Duration of message: Any message, advertisement, announcement or display (except time and temperature) shall remain fixed on the CEVMS for a period of no less than five (5) seconds.



(b) Brightness: All CEVMS shall be equipped with a light detector/photocell, a scheduled dimming timer, or a manual control by which the sign's brightness can be dimmed when ambient light conditions darken. The Inspector of Buildings shall have the authority to enforce reasonable standards upon any owner of a CEVMS regarding the brightness of the CEVMS. The authority granted herein shall be deemed to be in addition to and not exclusive of the Building Inspector's enforcement authority as set forth in Section 4.4.3.1

(c) All CEVMS will be except from Section 4.4.2.3

as petitioned for by more than ten (10) registered voters of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizen Petition

**ARTICLE 25. AMEND ZONING BY-LAW – CHANGE-ABLE ELECTRONIC VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS (CEVMS)**

Upon motion of Richard Anderson, 51 Old Upton Road, it was voted to pass over this article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 26. ACCEPT ROADWAYS KNOWN AS CHISWELL ROAD AND COACH HOUSE ROAD – GLENWOOD ESTATES II SUBDIVISION**

“To see if the Town will vote to accept the roadways and associated utilities and easements known as Chiswell Road and Coach House Road located in Glenwood Estates II Subdivision”, as petitioned for by more than ten (10) registered voters of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizen Petition

**ARTICLE 26. ACCEPT ROADWAYS KNOWN AS CHISWELL ROAD AND COACH HOUSE ROAD – GLENWOOD ESTATES II SUBDIVISION**

Upon motion of Christopher LeMay, it was voted to accept the roadways and associated utilities and easements know as Chiswell Road and Coach House Road located in the Glenwood Estates II Subdivision.

Mr. LeMay read the report of the Board of Selectmen.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 27. ACCEPT ROADWAYS KNOWN AS MAGNOLIA LANE IN THE MAGNOLIA FARMS SUB-DIVISION**

“To see if the Town will vote to accept the roadway and associated utilities and easements for the road known as Magnolia Lane in the Magnolia Farms subdivision, Grafton”, as petitioned for by more than ten (10) registered voters of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizen Petition

**ARTICLE 27. ACCEPT ROADWAYS KNOWN AS MAGNOLIA LANE IN THE MAGNOLIA FARMS SUB-DIVISION**

Upon motion of Mary Ann Cotton, it was voted to pass over this article.

Moderator declared the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 28. ACCEPT ROADWAY KNOWN AS BRENDAN DRIVE IN THE HARDING ACRES SUBDIVISION**

“To see if the Town will vote to accept the roadway and associated utilities and easements known as Brendan Drive in the Harding Acres subdivision”, as petitioned for by more than ten (10) voters of the town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizen Petition

**ARTICLE 28. ACCEPT ROADWAY KNOWN AS BRENDAN DRIVE IN THE HARDING ACRES SUBDIVISION**

Upon motion of George Prunier, 85 Millbury Street, it was voted to accept the roadway and associated utilities and easements known as Brendan Drive in the Harding Acres Subdivision as petitioned by more than ten (10) voters of the town.

Peter Adams read the report of the Board of Selectmen.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Motion was made to dissolve the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

A true copy,  
Attest:

Maureen A. Clark  
Town Clerk



## REPORT OF GRAFTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

The Affordable Housing Trust is comprised of six members. The current members are John Carlson, Chairman; Deborah Kochevar, Vice Chairman; Todd Brodeur, Clerk; and Members Peter Adams, Lou Boersma, and Charles Pratt. The Trust meets monthly. Work completed during the previous year included:

- 395 Providence Road, Unit #4: Town Meeting in May 2009 voted to authorize the Selectmen to transfer this unit to the Trust for the purposes of developing and selling it as an affordable housing unit. The Trust entered into negotiations with the Town of Grafton for the purchase of this condominium unit that had been a tax title taking. Funds expended on this transaction, which never came to fruition, were not spent during the FY09 year but in FY10 beginning in September of 2009.
- Legal Memorandum and Legal Services: Services required to assist the Trust in the implementation of the 2006 Affordable Housing Plan as well as the promotion and development of affordable housing in Grafton. The RFP was issued and the firm of Blatman Brobowski and Mead were retained to develop three separate legal memorandums. Work items included:

### Operation and Procedures

- Administration of the Trust
- Buying, Selling, Leasing and Holding Real Property
- Buying and selling Personal Property
- Managing Real Estate
- Investment and Expenditure of Trust Funds, Financial Reporting
- Compliance with the Open Meeting Law

### Analysis and Review of the Town of Grafton Affordable Housing Trust Fund Trust and the 2006 Town of Grafton Affordable Housing Plan

- Declaration of Trust
- 2006 Affordable Housing Plan

In addition to providing the material required in the RFP, Ms. Mead met with the Trust on several occasions to discuss key points and procedure to guide the Trust in their next steps. Ms. Mead provided additional legal services with regard to negotiations for Unit #4 at 395 Providence Road.

- **Affordable Housing Trust By-Law:** Upon advice of legal counsel, the Trust put forward a new general Town By-Law at the May 11, 2009 Annual Town Meeting. The purpose of this was to follow best management practices required by the Attorney General and Inspector General offices.

- **Project Review and Management:** Several developers made presentations to the Trust for projects that will include affordable units. The Trust provided feed back and in some cases formal support either in the form of endorsement or staff support in publicizing lotteries. Projects included:

- **123 Ferry Street – 40 B Project** – The Developer met with the Trust and presented a proposal for a 20 unit project to be housed in two structures. The Trust opted not to support the project due to a number of issues including site configuration and the number of bedrooms in each unit.
- **Afonso / Institute & Westboro Roads** – The developer met with the Trust to discuss their progress in forwarding this mixed use project which had been in the design stages for several years. The developer halted the project in 2009 due to their inability to reconcile the pro forma.
- **Hennessey / Webber Properties** – the Trust continued in its research of these two town-owned properties that were approved by Town Meeting with an affordable housing component.

- **Annual Trust Workshop:** The Trust held its first Annual Public Workshop in November 2008 which was attended by 20 people. Topics of discussion and review included work to date and information pertaining to the establishment of the Trust and its responsibilities.

- **Citizen's Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA)** – the Trust continued to coordinate with CHAPA in implementing a new Universal Deed Rider for units to be sold in the secondary market. This was particularly important for the unit owners (buyers and sellers) at Hilltop Farms on Milford Road. In addition, the Trust was able to successfully coordinate the transfer of the monitoring agent status from the Grafton Housing Authority to the Board of Selectmen.

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

The following is a summary of the inspections conducted and reported by the Inspector of Animals for the calendar year of 2009. These inspections were carried out in the months of October, November, and December.

The purpose of these inspections is to provide the Massachusetts Dept. of Agriculture with a detailed accounting of animals housed in the town of Grafton. I also report on the condition of the animal and the conditions that surround them. In particular, the inspector looks for three basic things: adequate shelter, food, and water. Although some animals, such

as horses and cattle do not require a great deal of shelter, provisions should be made during severe weather. The general conditions and appearance of their habitat tells a great deal as to the well being of the animals looked at. It is worth noting, that all animals inspected were in good general condition.

There are several diseases that can be transmitted by the animals we come in contact with, Rabies being of major concern. We should not limit our concern only to dogs when we speak of rabies. Cats are very high on the list of animals that can transmit rabies. The easiest way to prevent transmittal of rabies is to have your animals vaccinated and checked on an annual basis. Wild animals should all be suspect, especially if they are acting in an unusual manner. As we continue to invade our wild animal's habitat, they become more aggressive in there actions. Again, I will caution you concerning the feeding of wild animals. The wild animal you feed just may become your new pet. If any animal is acting in a suspicious manner, it should be reported to the Selectman's office.

The following is a summary of the known animal population in the Town of Grafton. This summary as you can see does not cover dogs or cats.

	ADULT	YOUNG
CATTLE		
DAIRY	37	
BEEF	29	14
GOATS	138	2
SHEEP	50	8
SWINE	400	
LLAMAS/ALPACA	3	
EQUINE		
HORSES/PONIES	203	
MULE/DONKEY	1	
CHICKENS	549	
WATERFOWL	10	
GAMEBIRD	4	
RABBITS	5	
APPROPRIATED		EXPENDED
STIPEND	\$300.00	\$300.00
EXPENSES	515.00	\$515.00

Respectfully submitted  
John L. Carlson  
Inspector of Animals

## BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Report

### LIFE-LONG EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY STRENGTHENED VIA VALLEY TECH

Success begins with knowledge and skill. At Valley Tech, the opportunity for students to refine both knowledge and skill is central to our mission and defines our purpose.

As high school students face the challenges of entering a complex global workforce environment, they must learn and understand complex academic concepts and develop sophisticated life and career skills. Our ever-changing and technologically advanced world requires talented and dedicated employees who are equipped to problem-solve and communicate effectively and to continually learn on the job.

A recognized leader in educational innovation, the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District, generously supported by its citizenry, prepares students for success in career and college or other advanced training. Creating more motivated and high achieving students, career technical education has garnered tremendous attention recently – especially as practiced at Valley Tech – because the vocational education system links academic learning with practical, real world applications and promotes a life-long learning approach that is so vital for success in the 21st century.

By embracing change rather than clinging to the past, your vocational technical system constantly seeks curricular and facilities improvement to provide expanded learning opportunities. Implementing 21st century skills training, a rigorous academic curriculum, and vibrant extracurricular activities is the formula that has proven to lead to success.

Valley Tech students, staff and administrators had many noteworthy accomplishments during Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009). The following pages highlight the progress and samples of achievements earned during that period.

### Mission

To provide, in a safe learning environment, integrated academic and vocational technical skills, empowering each student to achieve world-class educational excellence, diverse career opportunities, and individual success in an ever-changing global society.

## District

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, based in Upton, proudly serves its member towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge.

Valley Tech offers employees and students equal opportunities without regard to race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, nature or status of residence, or disability.

### A Letter from the Superintendent-Director

For more than 15 years, it has been my pleasure to serve as the superintendent-director of your vocational technical system. During that time, we have experienced tremendous growth, not only within our Upton-based facility, but in our approach to educating students. The overall success of our staff and students most assuredly reflects the type of delivery you expect.

The yearly commitment you make to our students and their education is met with great appreciation and a burning desire to exceed your expectations. As the year culminated with a celebration of the impressive and lengthy career of retiring principal Richard Brennan and our system welcomed a new administration under incoming principal Christopher Cummings, we remain tireless in our efforts to use your financial and contributory support to prepare a growing student population for the challenges they will face in the 21st century workforce.

In addition to my responsibilities as superintendent-director of Valley Tech, it is also an honor to represent vocational technical education and this District in multiple regional, state, and national capacities. As education reform draws greater attention, career technical systems like Valley Tech are in the spotlight for the return on investment stakeholders expect.

Last spring, Valley Tech and its students were prominently featured by WBUR, the Boston radio affiliate of National Public Radio. The station's three-month long series, *Project Dropout*, focused on the methods and approaches school systems use to lower student dropout rates. Valley Tech, with one of the lowest dropout rates in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, provided national listeners with examples of how to engage students as they work toward their diplomas. The radio program was just one example of how the mainstream and local media monitor and report on Valley Tech.

During the past year, we continued to increase our overall student enrollment responding to the need for quality voca-

tional technical education in the Blackstone Valley. We also aggressively pursued additional non-taxpayer revenues to enhance student learning opportunities. During these challenging economic times, we continue to seek alternative ways to reduce and complement member town assessments.

We hope that you take pride in the numerous achievements of our students and staff. Thank you for your interest in our 2009 Annual Report and best regards,

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick  
*Superintendent-Director*

### Valley Tech Builds Upon a Foundation of Success

Not content with accolades earned in recent years for dramatic improvements to our campus, Valley Tech embraces change and continues to build upon a solid foundation of success. Seeking to maximize space usage and upgrade learning areas, crews worked vigorously throughout the summer of 2008 to refine and enhance an already modern facility.

Though the building underwent a \$36 million expansion and renovation project from 2003-2006, increasing demand in certain trade areas and workforce environment changes in others influenced the need for refinements to Valley Tech's approach. In addition to the preventative maintenance on safety systems and the annual scheduled upkeep of the entire campus, alterations in several of the vocational technical learning areas were accomplished for the 2008-09 school year.

Utilizing in-house talent and available funding, Valley Tech relocated and expanded its Plumbing department, built new training walls and stalls for Electrical, and relocated and enhanced the Painting and Design Technologies program. As the changing global workplace generates new workforce preparation demands, we remain committed to affording students the best possible learning environment and will continue to modify and enhance instructional space to adapt to constantly evolving expectations.

In line with this goal to respond effectively to workforce demands, and reacting to well documented needs of the health care industry, Valley Tech worked diligently and cooperatively with state officials toward the establishment of a post-secondary Licensed Practical Nurse program. After conducting a site survey following several months of preparation by Valley Tech staff, the Board of Registration in Nursing of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health determined the vocational technical system had the ability to establish the program, and granted approval for a September 2009 opening.

Valley Tech received initial grant funding through the state for implementation of the program. State Representatives

John Fernandes (D-Milford), Jennifer Callahan (D-Sutton), George Peterson (R-Grafton) and State Senator Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) assisted Valley Tech in its efforts to launch what promises to be a highly successful and much-needed training program.

### **A Model of Academic and Technical Excellence**

The Massachusetts vocational technical education model has received significant attention in recent years as education researchers and state policy makers note that the achievement gap between vocational and comprehensive high schools has closed by 27 percent in the past six years. In an October 2008 publication on vocational-technical education in Massachusetts by the Pioneer Institute for Public Policy Research, Valley Tech was cited for increased academic excellence, extensive programs for advancing the academic levels of students, a negligible drop-out rate, and for harnessing student expertise to extract the most value from its recent expansion/renovation project. The widely circulated white paper, which touted Massachusetts vocational-technical schools as examples of the most successful models of high school design, called Valley Tech a pillar of excellent academic-vocational integration and described how our faculty works cohesively to merge academics and vocational training by emphasizing reading, writing, and math skills across the academic and vocational curricula.

Your career and technical system was also featured in a seminar hosted by the Illinois Business Roundtable on “Taking High School Reform to Scale in Illinois” during which the superintendent-director served as an invited panelist and provided insight into the successful Valley Tech approach. That approach has also been credited with influencing the direction of a new career and technical facility in Providence, Rhode Island, and will substantially impact a 2009 accreditation review of an international school in Kuwait.

Valley Tech was considered for a national, longitudinal research project by the Office of Vocational and Adult Education of the U.S. Department of Education. Two researchers from Washington, D.C., applauded the work being done by our staff in enabling students to achieve life-long learning. The Cadmus Group, Inc., an energy efficiency consulting firm with six major offices across the country including Watertown, Mass., has done a long-term study of Valley Tech as a “Green School.” Technicians and researchers visited the school several times to gather information and data for its study.

By constantly evaluating and revising our curriculum, we seek to increase academic rigor and provide more sophisticated training to give our students an advantage in the workplace. Expectations for our students are high, which is stressed to them from their first day as freshmen. Students

respond as evidenced by our dropout rate, which is one of the lowest in the state. As reported on National Public Radio, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education figures showed Valley Tech with just a 0.9 percent dropout rate for 2008. That compares to the state average of 9.9 percent.

For the Class of 2008, Valley Tech tied for the seventh highest graduation rate among district high schools in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Valley Tech’s four-year graduation rate was 97.2 percent, trailing only Dover-Sherborn (99.3), Wayland (98.7), Longmeadow (98.5), Manchester Essex Regional (97.6), Hadley (97.6) and Weston (97.3). Lenox’s rate was also at 97.2. Additionally, while many Massachusetts school systems experienced increased absenteeism due to the new flu strain, the district’s daily student attendance rate held steady at an impressive 96 percent.

In applauding the students’ desire and focus, Dr. Fitzpatrick said: “To borrow Walt Whitman’s words, we challenge our students to finish what they start and invite each ‘voyager to sail forth to seek and to find.’”

While education reformers nation-wide are considering the possibility of longer school days and years, Valley Tech continues to operate with a longer school year, a practice begun in 1997. Students attend school for 193 days and staff work for 195. We believe our success is directly attributable to effective utilization of this increased learning time.

### **Students Showcase Their Talent**

The accomplishments of Valley Tech students reflect the commitment to learning that transpires on a daily basis:

- The Class of 2009 became the sixth straight to have 100 percent of its membership reach competency determination on the state-mandated Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests.
- Class of 2010 continued an eight-year improvement trend with an impressive 78 percent registering Advanced or Proficient on the MCAS math exam and 79 percent recording those levels on the English language arts portion. Proportionally, those in the Needs Improvement or Failing category continued to decline. Some 99.6% passed the ELA exam, 96.7 passed the Math, and 96.2 passed the new Science/Technology Engineering tests on the first administration. The scores by Valley Tech students also translate to an increase in the system’s Composite Performance Index which is used to determine Adequate Yearly Progress. Systems must show AYP improvements under federal legislation.



Test Date	Class Year of Graduation	MATH Advanced or Proficient	MATH Needs Improvement or Failing	ENGLISH Advanced or Proficient	ENGLISH Needs Improvement or Failing
Spring 2008	2010	78%	22%	79%	21%
Spring 2007	2009	74%	26%	73%	27%
Spring 2006	2008	70%	30%	66%	34%
Spring 2005	2007	62%	38%	55%	45%
Spring 2004	2006	55%	45%	58%	42%
Spring 2003	2005	36%	64%	42%	58%
Spring 2002	2004	34%	66%	34%	66%
Spring 2001	2003	34%	66%	29%	71%

- For the fifth straight year, a greater number of seniors qualified for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship awarded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. With 70 members of the Class of 2009 qualifying for the scholarship, it marked the second straight class to hit the threshold of the top 25 percent of the students in the district. The scholarships, based on a student's MCAS scores as a sophomore, provide free tuition at the state's two- and four-year colleges or the University of Massachusetts.
- With ever increasing numbers of students opting to continue their education at the post-secondary level, the total dollar value of scholarships awarded to Valley Tech seniors continues to increase. The Class of 2009 received no less than 180 awards, with a real value of greater than \$295,000.
- Another sellout crowd attended the 15th Annual Superintendent's Dinner, a seven-course gourmet meal planned and prepared by the Culinary Arts students, staff and alumni. The annual extravaganza provides funds for various student initiatives. The dinner is a major undertaking with major contributions from several vocational technical programs including Painting and Design Technologies, Carpentry, Electronics, Graphics Communications and HVAC/R.

#### **Secretary Reville, Community Groups, SkillsUSA on Campus**

Secretary of Education Paul Reville took time from a full schedule of appearances to visit Valley Tech and address students on the pending reforms of education in the Commonwealth. A longtime supporter of public education, Secretary Reville chose Valley Tech as a place to deliver an overall view of the future of education.

"This is a special place," Secretary Reville said of Valley Tech. "This is an innovative, exceptional and exciting school, and it's an honor to be able to talk with students here. With

the talented leadership at this school, you have the ability to seize a wonderful learning opportunity."

Secretary Reville said that the initiatives in place at vocational technical schools like Valley Tech should be considered for implementation in other systems as part of the overall vision that the Readiness Schools Plan seeks to provide.

Valley Tech continued to serve as a valuable community resource as the campus was the host site for numerous area events, notably including the Upton Woman's Club Annual Fall Fair, the Milford Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo, a Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission meeting, and the Upton Men's Club Fourth of July fireworks festival. The district was awarded a Corridor Star Award for its contributions to the National Heritage Corridor.

SkillsUSA Massachusetts is New England's largest educational organization, providing opportunities for students to develop leadership and teamwork skills through education, training, service and competition. Valley Tech was recruited, for the third straight year, to host the annual state championships for more than 640 students competing in some 50 vocational technical trade and employment contests. The students vied for places in the national championships.

We were pleased to again partner with Milton-CAT of Milford and the Upton Highway Department for two contests. The Milton-CAT facility has proven ideal for Diesel Equipment Technology participants to undergo technical written and practical tests. The Upton Highway Department hosted the Brick Masonry competition.

In partnership with a vast number of businesses and industries, the SkillsUSA championships and conference have evolved into a multi-million dollar event with major non-tax support and donations.

## **Taking the Challenge to a National Level**

At the prestigious national SkillsUSA championships in Kansas City, Missouri, more than 5,000 students competed in 91 trade and technical fields. Valley Tech represented Massachusetts with thirteen students competing in eight contests and recorded podium finishes for the sixth time in seven years.

Valley Tech won four gold medals – one individual plus a three-person team. Katelyn Christiansen of Uxbridge won a gold medal in Dental Assisting, while the Community Service Team of Lindsay Melanson (Milford), Nicole Onanian (Uxbridge) and Jacob Elliott (Uxbridge) captured the top prize for their Community Service Team project and presentation. The Valley Tech Entrepreneurship Team of Brooke Bibeault (Uxbridge), Robert Caouette (Blackstone), Amanda Small (Uxbridge) and Courtney Soter (Sutton) secured bronze medals. At the state championships, additional students won gold medals and earned national qualifying berths: Scott LeBlanc (Grafton) in Automotive Refinishing Technology; Jason Lewis (Mendon), Diesel Equipment Technology; Anna O'Donnell (Douglas), Food and Beverage Service; Rebecca Tober (Millville), Office Computer Applications; and Maria Cassidy (Uxbridge), Related Technical Math. Scott LeBlanc finished fifth in the nation as a sophomore.

### **Valley Tech Teams in Winner's Circle**

The Valley Tech Team 61 Shifters displayed their creative thinking and engineering talents by capturing first place at the U.S. FIRST Robotics Boston Regional Competition. The Shifters were nearly perfect (8-1) en route to their first-place showing at the popular competition featuring teams comprised of secondary and post-secondary students. The Shifters went on to compete successfully in the Connecticut Regional, and finished in the top-20 at the national championships in Atlanta. Valley Tech received major support from EMC of Hopkinton and Foster-Miller of Waltham for its competitions.

The robot Valley Tech uses to compete is annually constructed as an integrated project across several vocational technical programs. Drafting students design and engineer the parts, while the Manufacturing Technologies students manufacture them. Carpentry students assist with the base and design prototypes. Electronics helps with the wiring and Auto Body paints various parts. Information Technology assists with programming issues and Graphic Communications designs and prints team T-shirts.

With a greater global emphasis on science and technology, what better way for middle school aged students to learn than through the intensity and fun of hands-on contests? That was the case for hundreds of students at the ninth annual FIRST LEGO League Competition at Valley Tech.

A full field of 64 teams competed in the FIRST qualifying event, during which students, aged 9-14, from across the Northeast had their science, technology, and robotics knowledge and skill tested to the limits. The full day of matches was highlighted by the Sharon A team defeating the Dover Rovers in the final.

On the fields, courts, fairways, and rinks, Valley Tech athletic teams are a force in the Colonial Athletic League. Once a rare event, postseason appearances by the Beavers are becoming routine. Overall, Valley Tech teams continue to combine to win nearly 70 percent of their regular season contests, an accomplishment which has earned the school the Boston Globe Markham Award for two consecutive years. This award is presented each year to the vocational technical school with the highest athletic win percentage in the state. Participation of students climbs each season and on any given afternoon the campus is abuzz with interscholastic activity. As the system seeks to expand athletic opportunities with limited financial resources, student-athletes are asked to support their teams through a myriad of fund-raising activities.

The following students from Grafton, listed alphabetically, were members of the Class of 2009 who graduated in June (National Honor Society members are indicated by NHS): Joseph S. Boisvert (NHS), Drafting; Emily E. Bruso, Manufacturing Technologies; Craig E. Cargill, Graphic Communications; Nicholas D. Carlson, HVAC/R; Jonathan D. Cheney, Graphic Communications; Amanda N. Cournoyer, Manufacturing Technologies; Alicia E. Doyle, Health Services; Ryan E. Fleming, Manufacturing Technologies; Corey M. Gale, Plumbing; Jonathan A. Holland, Manufacturing Technologies; Joshua P. Horrigan, Culinary Arts; Gregory M. Laskey, Culinary Arts; Daniel D. Mason, HVAC/R; Timothy S. Matatall Jr., HVAC/R; Charles H. Mayer, Electrical; Beau M. Mewhiney, HVAC/R; James R. Morin, Carpentry; Eric P. Nutter, Plumbing; Sean A. Peters (NHS), Electrical; Stephanie R. Smith, Culinary Arts; Brendon R. Sullivan-Monson, Information Technology; Nicole M. VanHeest, Painting and Design Technologies.

### **Numbers Reflect Success**

In an atmosphere of 21st Century rigor, the success of our student body is measured by 100% competency determination, high career placement rates, and solid college matriculation rates for our graduates. This in turn justifies our stakeholders' confidence that Valley Tech is succeeding in its mission to prepare the students of Blackstone Valley with a world class education.

Mindful of the uncertain economic climate, Valley Tech held its FY09 total member town assessment increase to 3.93 percent. The District's FY09 total operating budget was



\$18,094,750. Chapter 70 Aid contributed \$6,462,753 and Minimum Contributions from the 13 member towns totaled \$7,306,124.

In the operating budget outside state-mandated net school spending areas, the District budgeted \$273,452 for transportation costs, \$154,600 for acquisition of fixed assets and \$691,760 for retiree medical coverage. In addition to their state-required Minimum Contributions, the member towns unanimously supported the school's operating budget with shared assessments for operations, student transportation, asset acquisition, and retiree medical costs. This investment provided the fiscal support to respond to the diverse learning needs of a student population that grew by five percent over FY08 and again in FY09 and FY10.

In response to weakening economic forecasts and lower than expected tax collections, the Commonwealth was forced to reduce the District's Chapter 70 allocation by \$759,526; however, those funds were completely restored with funding from ARRA (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act), also known as stimulus funds. Given the ongoing fiscal constraints and the likelihood of a continued economic slump, the District continues to search out greater efficiencies in its staffing patterns, supply purchases, technology upgrades, and contractual service requirements. Bolstered by prudent budget management practices, the District utilized an unreserved fund balance of \$285,000 to offset the towns' actual assessments. Additionally, the District secured funds to purchase vocational equipment and other fixed assets through private donations of \$8,300.

Throughout the 2008-09 school year, officials reduced expenditures in order to develop an FY10 budget proposal which reflected an overall increase of just 1.99 percent, despite a 5.6% increase in students. The FY10 budget was closely scrutinized by some 120 finance committee members across the district and unanimously approved by all district member towns.

<b>BUDGETED REVENUES</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Adjusted</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Member Town Assessments:</b>			
Minimum Contribution	7,306,124	7,306,124	7,306,124
Transportation (Over State Aid)	273,452	273,452	273,452
Capital Equipment	154,600	154,600	154,600
Retiree Medical	691,760	691,760	691,760
Additional Contribution	594,329	594,329	594,329
Debt Service	<u>683,857</u>	<u>683,857</u>	<u>683,857</u>
Total Member Assessments	9,704,122	9,704,122	9,704,122
<b>State Aid:</b>			
Chapter 70 - Regional Aid	7,222,279	7,222,279	6,462,753
Transportation Reimbursement	<u>749,686</u>	<u>749,686</u>	<u>783,849</u>
Total State Aid	7,971,965	7,971,965	7,246,602
<b>Other Revenue Sources:</b>			
Miscellaneous Income	168,663	168,663	181,338
Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Total Other Revenues	418,663	418,663	431,338
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b><u>18,094,750</u></b>	<b><u>18,094,750</u></b>	<b><u>17,382,062</u></b>

## Retirement Brings Leadership Change

Following a highly successful 35-year career at Valley Tech as a teacher, coach, and administrator, Assistant Superintendent-Director/Principal Richard Brennan retired from his leadership position at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

Prior to his tenure as principal from 2001-2009, Mr. Brennan served as a math and science teacher from 1974-95, including several years as the Team Leader of the Math department. He was awarded Teacher of the Year in 1986. He then moved into the role of Assistant Principal/Dean of Students for six years (1995-2001) before being named principal. Mr. Brennan's other roles at Valley Tech included President of the Teachers' Association and various coaching positions, including 20 years as head coach of the track and field team, and 16 years as cross country coach.

Christopher Cummings, a Bellingham resident and former Assistant Principal at Ashland High School, was named to replace Mr. Brennan. Mr. Cummings previously served as a vice principal at St. Raphael Academy in Pawtucket, RI, and St. Mary's Junior-Senior High School in Lynn. He also taught at one of Valley Tech's sister vocational schools, Tri-County Regional in Franklin, for five years.

In the spring of 2009, the Valley Tech Family was saddened by the death of beloved staff member Ed Waters. Mr. Waters was an accomplished golfer and coach of the Valley Tech golf team that won numerous championships. He also coached basketball and was the roaring "Voice of the Beavers" at all of the Valley Tech football games. The school community gathered to remember him in an uplifting memorial service held in the Competition Center and a scholarship fund has been established in his memory.

## Researching and Earning Alternative Funding Awards

Throughout Dr. Fitzpatrick's tenure, Valley Tech has aggressively pursued alternative sources of funding through public and private grants or donations, competitive monetary awards, and available rebates. These dollars support greater learning, programs, and services for students, and also assist in reducing member town assessments. Grants and supplemental funding secured during this year include:

GRANT/FUNDING TITLE	AMOUNT
Academic Support Services	\$ 21,100
Blissful Meadows Company Open	4,000
BV Chamber - Manufacturing & Technology Education	4,400
BV Chamber – Project S.M.I.L.E.	500
EMC – Robotics Sponsorship	10,000
Foster-Miller – Robotics Sponsorship	20,000
Hopedale Foundation	4,762
Laboratory Robotics Interest Group	2,000
Milford Federal Savings & Loan Association	3,500
Milford Regional/DPH School Based Health Center Funding	25,000
New England Dairy Council	2,256
Perkins Occupational Ed./Vocational Skills	149,599
SPED Entitlement	253,278
SPED Program Improvement	3,344
Title I	89,596
Title IIA - Educator Quality	25,282
Title IID - Technology	1,196
Title IV - Safe & Drug Free	3,347
Valley Tech Ed. Foundation Mini-Grants: Project S.M.I.L.E.	2,000
Aviation Club	
TOTAL GRANTS/AWARDS:	<u>\$625,160</u>
ARRA Federal Stimulus Funding	<u>\$759,526</u>

**TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING: \$1,384,686**

The system also positioned itself to be eligible for potential additional ARRA funding by submitting applications for ‘shovel-ready’ projects aligned with federal goals to increase environmental awareness and reduce dependence on foreign oil. We look forward to the possibility of establishing a Central Massachusetts Renewable Energy Training Center should federal start-up funds be made available for this proposed new post-secondary partnership with area community colleges and workforce training organizations.

Joseph M. Hall, Bellingham  
William J. Pontes, Blackstone  
John C. Lavin, III, Douglas  
Anthony M. Yitts, Grafton  
Arthur E. Morin, Jr., Milford  
Chester P. Hanratty, Jr., Millbury  
Jeff T. Koopman, Northbridge  
Mitchell A. Intinarelli, Sutton  
Kenneth M. Pedersen, Jr., Upton

#### **School Committee Provides Guidance**

Thirteen devoted individuals, whose expertise is invaluable to overseeing the operations of the District, comprise our School Committee. Elected to four-year terms, members allot endless hours toward defining and improving the District. Their experience base from an array of industry occupations is beneficial to the betterment of Valley Tech.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick  
*Superintendent-Director*

Barbara Auger  
*District Treasurer*

Michael D. Peterson, Mendon  
*Chairman*  
Gerald M. Finn, Millville  
*Vice Chairman*  
Daniel L. Baker, Uxbridge  
*Secretary*  
Paul M. Yanovitch, Hopedale  
*Assistant Treasurer*

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL

We are pleased to report that we have completed another year serving as your town counsel, during which we have taken a proactive, hands-on approach in the provision of accessible, high-quality legal services to the Town, its boards, officers and employees. As always, our goal is to provide unsurpassed responsiveness, and clear and direct advice. We continue the practice of holding “off the clock” bi-weekly office hours, during which we meet with Town staff to answer quick questions, get apprised of up-coming issues, and receive updates concerning on-going matters. These office hours remain a key component in the smooth and efficient handling of both routine and non-routine legal matters, and keep our working relationship with the Town’s dedicated staff strong.

During the past year, we have provided day-to-day legal services to Town officials and staff. More specifically, we provide review of contracts and bid documents; draft warrant articles, by-laws, regulations, leases, deeds, and other legal documents; give verbal and written opinions regarding ethics issues, tax exemption issues, bond issues, Board of Health issues, Conservation Commission issues, affordable housing issues, environmental issues, Planning Board issues, Community Preservation issues, zoning issues, matters related to the Americans with Disabilities Act, and various other matters; and attend town meetings and other meetings upon request. We also assist the Town in negotiating favorable settlements to on-going and threatened litigation. This year we have assisted the Planning Board and Town Planner in dealing with several defaulted subdivisions, interfacing with bond companies where necessary, and securing every possible dollar from the sureties. We have also worked closely with the Building Department in enforcing the requirements of the Zoning By-Law against violators who simply refuse to comply with the law. We negotiated monetary settlements against a cellular carrier and cell tower owner who failed to comply with the requirements of the by-law regarding wireless communications facilities. We have been aggressive in defending the Town’s interests and in seeking to recover every available dollar in settlement of various cases and issues. We are now pleased to report on the status of the litigation files we are handling involving the Town of Grafton.

Peter Alex v. Grafton Conservation Commission, WOCV 2008-2360 & 2008-2455. These are cases appealing the Commission’s decisions relative to un-permitted work done by the plaintiff in a resource area in violation of Grafton’s wetlands by law. We have filed motions to dismiss these pending actions.

Mason Construction v. Zoning Board of Appeals; DeSantis v. ZBA, WOCV 2005-01759 and 2005 01697. We are defending an action brought by a developer who is attempting to subdivide and access his property from non-legal frontage by constructing long driveways in close proximity to an abutter’s home. We contend that the developer’s plan is contrary to the requirements of the Zoning By-Law and Planning Board Regulations, and is otherwise inappropriate.

Mason Construction v. Board of Health, WOCV 2008-01782. We are defending claims by a developer that the Board of Health illegally granted a variance from its well regulations to an abutter, who has constructed a home on land formerly owned by her parents, who reside next door. The developer also claims that the Board has unlawfully withheld permits from the developer.

Mason Construction v. Grafton Planning Board, WOCV 2004-1055C. We are defending a claim against a developer who is challenging the Planning Board’s denial of requested waivers and imposition of certain conditions on his development.

Mason v. Zoning Board of Appeals, 2009-1422. We are defending a claim against a developer who challenges the Building Inspector’s determination that a property owner had grandfathered rights to build a home on her property.

Grafton v. Bowman Bros. Trucking Co., WO HC 2008CV982. This is an action against a property owner who has an illegal junkyard in violation of the Zoning By-Law, and has refused to comply with the terms of a Cease & Desist Order and a Court Order.

It has been our pleasure to assist the Town on all of these matters. We will continue to work hard for you, and we are looking forward to building on our successes in the coming year.

Very truly yours,

Ginny Sinkel Kremer  
Anthony E. Penski  
John E. Bowman, Jr.  
Bowman & Penski

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

This report of the Grafton Board of Assessors is based on meetings and activities during the calendar year 2009 and expenditures of the Fiscal Year 2009, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009.

Information is available on the Assessors webpage including FY2010 real estate assessments, Board meeting minutes, change of address request forms, abutter's list request forms, applications for abatement of real estate and motor vehicle excise tax, exemption applications, personal property forms of list, and general property assessment information.

The Board of Assessors has completed the 2010 revaluation to real and personal property. New property values were approved by the Department of Revenue and are reflected in the third and fourth quarter tax bills issued in December 2009. The total taxable value of the town has decreased 7.46%. The tax rate applied to real and personal property for FY2010 is \$12.43 per thousand dollars of value.

### Real Estate

FY2010 preliminary real estate tax bills were committed on June 25, 2009. The total preliminary tax commitment was \$12,150,617.86. The FY2010 actual tax was committed on December 10, 2009 for \$26,130,940.68. The FY2010 tax rate of \$12.43 increased \$ 1.60 per thousand of value from FY2009. New tax growth for FY2010 is \$368,094.00. FY2009 was \$643,251.00. Growth includes any new construction, lot splits or additions that were picked up for the first time in a fiscal year. All FY2010 real property values, taxable and exempt, have been adjusted to reflect 2008 fair market value as required by law.

The FY2009 supplemental taxes were committed on July 10, 2009 in the amount of \$29,074.42. Supplemental tax assessments are based on new growth with an increase in total value of more than fifty per cent, pro-rated from the date of occupancy through the end of the fiscal year in which it relates. Corresponding supplemental community preservation

act surcharge was committed in the amount of \$404.57.

FY2010 preliminary community preservation act surcharge was committed on June 25, 2009 for \$131,720.52. The actual community preservation act surcharge for FY2010 was committed on December 10, 2009 in the amount of \$273,904.28. This is a surcharge of 1½ per cent of the annual tax, less any exemptions that apply to class one-residential properties for uses to include but not limited to the preservation of open space, creation or preservation of community housing, acquisition or preservation of historic resources, and acquisition, creation or preservation of land for recreational use.

FY2010 apportioned sewer betterments were committed on December 10, 2009 in the amount of \$153,123.72 with committed interest of \$64,168.59. Sewer use liens were committed in the amount of \$18,023.73 with interest of \$2,528.96.

Apportioned septic betterments were committed in the amount of \$1,546.67 and interest of \$386.67.

### Personal Property

FY2010 preliminary personal property bills were committed on June 25, 2009 in the amount of \$260,909.80. The actual personal property tax was committed on December 10, 2009 with a total of \$651,610.20.

### Motor Vehicle Excise

The first 2009 excise run was committed on January 13, 2009 totaling \$1,451,827.50. Subsequent 2009 excise commitments were mailed throughout the year with a grand total of \$545,217.51. Several 2008 excise commitments were mailed during the 2009 calendar year with a grand total of \$16,422.53.

### Boat Excise

FY2010 boat excise will be committed in January 2010 in the amount of \$3,687.00. There is a delay in billing the boat excise due to the financial software conversion. Boat excise is billed based on information provided to the Town by the Massachusetts Environmental Police. Boat excise tax will be issued to any boat moored in or personal watercraft registered in Grafton on July first of each year.

## TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010
A. Appropriations	42,695,221.15	43,289,827.59	43,238,282.44
B. Cherry Sheet Offsets	36,628.00	34,623.00	27,875.00
C. Cherry Sheet Assessments	255,374.00	316,853.00	492,035.00
D. Overlay	220,449.00	400,798.57	497,152.85
E. Other Amounts to be raised	42,537.53	48,618.70	23,536.12
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>43,246,209.68</b>	<b>44,090,720.86</b>	<b>44,278,881.41</b>
<b>ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</b>			
A. State (Cherry Sheet)	9,858,949.00	10,329,505.00	9,638,237.00
B. Local	7,342,754.00	6,187,214.95	5,917,734.12
C. Other	1,343,831.94	1,497,533.04	854,781.11
D. Free Cash	1,040,976.01	1,000,000.00	1,085,581.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19,586,510.95</b>	<b>19,014,252.99</b>	<b>17,496,333.23</b>
Net Amount to be Raised	23,659,698.73	25,076,467.87	26,782,548.18
Total Assessed Value	2,354,198,879	2,315,463,331	2,154,670,006
Tax Rate	10.05	10.83	12.43

## SUMMARY OF EXEMPTIONS

TYPE	FY2007		FY2008		FY2009	
	#	AMOUNT	#	AMOUNT	#	AMOUNT
17D	18	3,472.20	14	2,816.66	24	4,992.72
18	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	52	20,800.00	51	20,400.00	54	21,600.00
22A	3	2,250.00	3	2,250.00	3	2,250.00
22E	8	8,000.00	7	7,000.00	8	8,000.00
37A	17	8,500.00	21	10,500.00	21	10,500.00
41C	67	49,875.00	68	50,625.00	59	43,875.00
42	0	0	0	0	0	0
41A	1	2,089.10	1	1,867.02	1	1,991.07
<b>TOTALS</b>	166	94,986.30	165	95,458.68	170	93,208.79

### PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$1,000.00

Applied Geographics, Inc.	\$ 3,299.20
Community Software Consortium	\$ 1,800.00
Real Estate Research Consultants Inc.	\$ 15,925.00
Ruth Anderson	\$ 1,374.74

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer M. O'Neil - Chairman  
Marsha R. Platt  
Board of Assessors

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The sole mission of the Board of Health is to promote the health, safety and well being of the residents of the Town by administering and enforcing local, state and federal regulations as well as providing education, information and guidance.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 P.M. in the Municipal Center. Additional posted meetings are held in accordance with emerging health needs of the community. The Health Department staff includes a full-time Health Agent and Secretary. Additional support is provided to the department through contracted services.

The Board expanded from three to five members in 2009 with two new appointments. The Board was happy to welcome Mr. Philip Dumas who brings several years of public health experience to the Department and Mr. Ernest Peters, a familiar face to many in Grafton.

In March, the Board conducted interviews for the Biomedical Consultant, to work as the Town's agent relative to the new Regional Biocontainment Laboratory, which was expected to be operating by fall. Given the specialization needed for that position, it was written into the revised by-law passed in May 2008 that an experienced biomedical consultant would need to be hired to fulfill that requirement.

In April, the Health Department sponsored a Rabies Clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets, administered by Dr. Richard Rodger, a local Veterinarian.

In late April, the Health Department found itself facing an uncertain spring and summer with the outbreak of the H1N1 virus. Although experts had been predicting that an influenza pandemic was likely to occur, the expectation was that it would come in the form of an avian virus, not the swine strain that actually occurred. The initial statewide conference call that occurred on April 27th was to be the first of several that would occur over the next several months as health departments across the state and country, in conjunction with the federal government, prepared to exercise the response and Emergency Dispensing Site plans that had been prepared for just such an event.

In July, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection approved the final Outdoor Wood Boiler Regulations, which had been passed locally in 2008. The delay in final passage and implementation was due in part to the State passing their own regulations around the same time. There were sections in the local regulations that required re-writing since local regulations cannot be less stringent than State regulations and the State made some recommendations as well. Prior to final passage another public hearing needed to be held so promulgation did not occur until fall. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Outdoor Wood



Boiler Committee for all of their hard work and perseverance-Kenneth Dion, Mark Wojnar, Mark Ernenwein, Guy Mathieu and Andrew Kjellberg. Their input resulted in regulations that are fair, impartial and practical while still providing for the health and safety of our residents.

On September 22nd, the Health Department held its annual seasonal flu clinic in the Municipal Center gymnasium; about three months earlier than previous years. The vaccine was distributed in advance of the H1N1 vaccine but due to a combination of the higher than anticipated response and a portion of the allocation from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MADEP) coming in 30% less than the amount requested all available vaccine was distributed within two hours. Individuals waiting for immunization were given an opportunity to register for the second batch of vaccine not anticipated until November but were also encouraged to take advantage of other vaccination opportunities as they became available. Once the additional doses were received all of the individuals were contacted and all of the doses were distributed.

In late October, Grafton High School became one of the first schools to close for three days in the second wave of the H1N1 pandemic. Although the student body experienced significant absenteeism, the closure was due to lack of staff to safely operate the school. Although initial communications between the school and the health department was limited, through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Health Department and the school came together and it is hoped that our collaboration will continue.

During the remainder of 2009, the Health Department held several H1N1 immunization clinics and also administered H1N1 vaccine during regular business hours when the public health nurse was available to insure that any individual who wanted to be vaccinated would be.

The Grafton Health Department is most grateful for the assistance of the Grafton Medical Reserve Corp (GMRC) and its Administrative Assistant Dawn Farmer. Not only did Mrs. Farmer fully execute her GMRC responsibilities, but her assistance with all of the details of the H1N1 clinics was invaluable.

Our GMRC volunteers also selfishly gave their time over and over to assist at the clinics as did many of Grafton's CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team), a very valuable and appreciated partner.

We would also like to thank Grafton's Job Corp Career Academy, who generously sends volunteers whenever we need them.

With the support of the Grafton Community Nursing Association, CPR and First Aid training was provided in August to community members.

Throughout the year, in spite of the challenges with H1N1, Grafton's Public Health Nurse Trish Parent continued to conduct monthly well adult blood pressure clinics at the Municipal Center, was available to speak with the public during her regular office hours throughout the week and conducted communicable disease surveillance as necessary.

#### **Statistics/Reportable Diseases: 2009**

Lyme disease tracked by geographical location: 50  
Latent Tuberculosis: 19  
Varicella: 4  
Influenza A: 3, 1 confirmed H1N1  
Viral Meningitis: 1  
Hepatitis A: 1  
Giardiasis: 1  
Shiga Toxin: 2  
Other Tickborne Disease: 3  
Campylobacteriosis: 4  
Shigellosis: 1  
Typhoid Fever: 3  
Salmonellosis: 9  
Streptococcus pneumoniae: 4  
Norovirus: 1

Group A Streptococcus: 1  
Measles: 1  
Other: 11  
School Reports reviewed: 16

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine: 352  
H1N1 Vaccine: >2000 doses

South Grafton Elementary School Nurse, Beth Horgan, RN, and Assistant Public Health Nurse, provided monthly blood pressure clinics at Forest Lane in North Grafton as well as support to the Health Department as needed. As a long time member of the GMRC, Beth's assistance with the H1N1 clinics was also greatly appreciated.

The Health Department continues to update existing local regulations, promulgate new ones as needed and administer new regulations and policies promulgated by the state.

In order to meet the health needs of the community, the Health Department staff and Board of Health members attend trainings, acquire and maintain certifications and licenses, research and develop local policies. Additionally, the Health Department communicates information through the Municipal website, public hearings, newspaper and internet articles, cable TV, educational brochures and pamphlets which are available at the office.

With larvacide provided by the Health Department, Highway Department Personnel certified by the Massachusetts Pesticide Board distributed brickettes to over 2000 catch

basins for prevention of mosquito borne diseases such as West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis, neither of which has been diagnosed in Grafton. Wet conditions, which coincide with mosquito hatchings, trigger release of the active chemical for a period of up to one hundred fifty days (150) or five months.

Funds provided through the Homeland Security Act were used again this year for training in Emergency Preparedness and Response and related courses. Additionally, the Department received grant monies to purchase new equipment and increase the medical supplies inventory that would be needed to respond to a biological incident, whether man-made or a naturally occurring event.

Grafton continues to be an active member of the Worcester Regional Tobacco Control Coalition, established in 2005. The primary function of this group is to monitor youth access to tobacco products using un-announced compliance checks of those establishments licensed to sell tobacco products. Four compliance checks were conducted this year. Additionally, the Coalition staff is available to investigate tobacco related complaints.

The Health Department's contract with Terra Environmental was extended through June 30, 2010. Those services include witnessing of Percolation and Deep Hole testing as well as review of both septic and well design plans.

Mr. John L. Carlson was again nominated as the Inspector of Animals. Mr. Eugene Ploss serves as Assistant Animal Inspector and Dog Officer. He also investigates animal bites and assures proper quarantine measures.

The Board wishes to thank the Grafton Community Nursing Association, all of the Town Boards, Commissions, Committees and Staff for their continued support, cooperation and assistance.

The following Permits and Licenses were issued during calendar year 2009 totaling \$50,677.00 in receipts.

Perc and Deep Hole	8
*Food Establishment Permits	117
Food Establishment Plan Reviews	1
Disposal Works Installers Licenses	27
Septage Haulers Licenses	18
Rubbish Haulers Licenses	28
Disposal Works Construction Permits (Repairs)	22
Disposal Works Construction Permits (New)	14
Well Permits	6
*Tanning Establishment Licenses	2
Tobacco Licenses	13
*Lodging Permits	2
*Pool / Spa Permits	4
Chemical Toilet Permits	25
*Camp Permits	0
Grafton Septage Permits	510

\*A total of 187 inspections were conducted.

A total of 43 complaints were received in the Board of Health Office. Each complaint received follow-up action.

#### **BOARD OF HEALTH FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2009**

APPROPRIATION	\$159,353.00
SALARY	\$101,563.20
EXPENSES	\$43,001.82

TOAL EXPENDED	\$144,565.02
UNEXPENDED BALANCE	\$14,787.98

#### **PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$500.00**

Advanced Business Systems	530.00
Beth Horgan	626.73
Lois Luniewicz (Travel)	3,600.00
Patricia Pighetti Parent	31,545.41
Safewaters Environmental, Inc.	548.00
UNIVAR / USA	6,824.40

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin, Chairman  
Deborah A. Chouinard, Vice Chairman  
Ernest W. Peters, Clerk  
Richard J. Kirejczyk, Member  
Philip E. Dumas, Member

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month, and conducts workshop meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. In May, Brook Padgett was re-elected to his fourth term. The Board reorganized and voted Christopher LeMay as Chair, Mary Ann Cotton as Vice Chair and Peter Adams as Clerk.

The search for a new Town Administrator concluded in April. The Board appointed Timothy McInerney, who had been serving in acting and interim positions since November, to the permanent position. The Board looks forward to working with Mr. McInerney in the coming years for the betterment of the Town.

The largest issue this year, and perhaps in the history of the Town, was the approval of the new High School in the beginning of 2010. Although the Board did not have the lead on this project, it did spend a considerable amount of time on the project by working closely with the Secondary School Building Committee, the School Committee, and the School Administration. After five years of studies and analysis the Board concluded that although the cost of the proposal was higher than any other project in the history of the Town, it was the best financial solution to solve the long-term space issues of the district, and unanimously supported it. The Board would like to express their sincere thanks to all the individuals, especially past and current members of the Secondary School Building Committee, as well as the tax payers for their efforts and support to bring this project to fruition.

The Board continued to monitor and oversee the Pay as You Throw (PAYT) program. Although the program was met with some skepticism and reluctance, it has proved to be a success. The Town has reduced its solid waste disposal by approximately 40% and increased recycling by almost 90%. In this tough economic climate and with reduced income from the State and other sources, this new source of income and savings has helped the Town free up other resources, which may have otherwise been reduced or eliminated.

During the past year, the Board also saw the completion of Riverview Park, located off of Providence Road along the banks of Fisherville Mill Pond and the Quinsigamond River. This park adds a much needed multi-purpose playing field to the existing inventory of recreational fields that have been under stress during the past few years due to the expansion of recreational programs in town. Additionally, the Board entered into an agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game for the construction of a boat ramp improving access to the pond. The Board extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Fields Committee as well as Mass Fish and Game for the involvement and support of the project.

In recognition of the Town's 275th anniversary in 2010, the Board established a 275th Committee and a gift account to accept donations for the upcoming events. The Committee has been hard at work scheduling several events to be held throughout the year to commemorate our anniversary and the

Board looks forward to the events as well as the participation by the residents as we commemorate this important milestone in our history.

Realizing the growing need for raising awareness to those with disabilities, the Board established the Commission on Disability. The charge of the five-member commission is to assure that all people in Grafton have the equal opportunity to participate in all functions involving living, working, and recreational activities.

The Board also established an Ad-Hoc Agricultural Committee to increase the awareness of agricultural activities and resources in Town.

Progress on One Grafton Common continued by the establishment of the Grafton Town House Oversight Committee, and the Board continued to work with Apple Tree Arts to secure funding for the roof replacement and related work. The Board also continued working to resolve accessibility issues with the property. Additionally, through Town Meeting approval of the Capital Budget, the fire escapes will be able to be repaired to improve the overall safety issues associated with the upper floors. The Board will continue to work with Apple Tree Arts to secure their lease for the upper two levels in an effort to bring the building back to active use, which will include a performance center on the upper levels.

Progress was also made in addressing accessibility issues associated with the Center Library, the ongoing remediation of the Follette Street site, the South Grafton Streetscape project, and the continued clean-up and reuse of the Fisherville Mill site.

In the on-going effort to revitalize the Fisherville Mill area, the Board awarded a contract to Vanasse Hangen Brustlin for design work on the streetscape project and public park. The Board also designated the project as a priority enabling the Town to apply for future grants.

The ongoing efforts of the Town and Fisherville Mill Redevelopment were recognized by the State as the site was named a Pilot Site for the Lieutenant Governor's Brownfields Support Initiative. Given the Board's recognition of how important this redevelopment is to the area, as well as the entire Town, the Board will work to continue to bring this site back into an active role.

In Grafton we are very fortunate to have a dedicated group of employees and numerous citizens who offer their time and skills by volunteering to serve their Town in various roles and positions on several committees, boards, and commissions. Without these individuals, the Town would not be able to be as progressive as it is and we could not achieve the results that we need to make the Town viable. For that, the Board would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all those who work to make Grafton a better place.

Sincerely,  
Christopher R. LeMay  
Chairman

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR & ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Herewith is submitted the Report in accordance with the by-law of the Town of Grafton and The Massachusetts General Laws.

During the **Calendar Year 2009**, there were:

Building Permits	1627
Public Buildings	58
Sign Permits	97
Home Occupation Permits	16
Woodstove Permits	31
Zoning Permit	13

Issued by the Building Department: The above receipts including re-inspection fees and photocopies total \$200,256.40 (Two Hundred Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars Forty Cents) which was transferred to the Town Treasurer.

Inspections were conducted with the Board of Health, Plumbing and Wiring Inspectors in response to complaints filed at the Grafton Memorial Municipal Center. During the past year we have responded to an estimated 3350 inspection requests and complaints.

Under the Building Department I have jurisdiction over the inspections of the Wiring, Plumbing and Gas Inspectors. I also over see municipal staffing, maintenance and custodial personnel and duties.

As Inspector of Buildings, I interpret, administer and enforce the State Building Code.

As Zoning Officer for the Town of Grafton, my duties include enforcing the Zoning by-laws.

The inspection of multi-family dwellings and public buildings, as required by the State Building Code, continue and such buildings and structures in the Town of Grafton are in compliance at this time.

As the Town's Zoning Enforcement Officer I review applications and approve or deny Zoning Permits for new constructions, changes in the use of existing structures, and home occupations.

### INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<b>Appropriation</b>	145,749.00
Salary	\$140,749.00
Expenses	\$5,000.00
<b>Total Expended</b>	\$141,933.60
<b>Total Unexpended</b>	\$2,355.13

## PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$1,000.00

Robert S. Berger (Travel)	\$ 4,000.00
Thomas Frederico (Travel)	\$ 4,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 1,028.44
Dues and Memberships	\$ 903.99
Communications	\$712.44

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert S. Berger  
Inspector of Buildings/  
Zoning Enforcement Officer

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Herewith is submitted the Report in accordance with the by-law of the Town of Grafton and The Massachusetts General Laws during which 416 permits were issued.

For calendar year as of December 31, 2009, **\$37,085.00** was collected and transferred to the Town Treasurer.

### WIRING INSPECTOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT Fiscal Year 2009

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>\$20,024.00</b>
Salary Expense	\$16,944.00
Expenses	\$820.00
<b>Total Expended</b>	<b>\$19,271.85</b>
<b>Total Unexpended</b>	<b>\$752.15</b>

## PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$1,000.00

<b>Inspector of Wires</b>	
George Duhamel (Travel)	\$1,906.63
<b>Assistant Inspector of Wires</b>	
Steve French (Travel)	\$173.37

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve French  
Assistant Inspector of Wires

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF GAS

Herewith is submitted the Report in accordance with the by-law of the Town of Grafton and The Massachusetts General Laws during which 263 permits were issued.

For the calendar year as of December 31, 2009, **\$16,020.00** was collected and transferred to the Town Treasurer.

A reminder to all residents:

Section II, Division VI of Chapter 737, Acts of 1960 Massachusetts Code of Gas Piping Installations pertains to Mobile Homes and Trailers.

Reminders to all Gas Fitters:

On **ALL** Gas Piping, lines must be tested. It is the responsibility of the Gas Fitter to notify the Gas Inspector for the **TEST**. Please protect yourself by having work done by a licensed installer and have the work inspected.

#### **GAS INSPECTOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2009**

<b>Appropriation</b>		<b>\$9,126.00</b>
Salary	\$8,626.00	
Expenses	\$500.00	
<b>Total Expended</b>		<b>\$8,531.04</b>
<b>Unexpended Balance</b>		<b>\$594.96</b>

#### **PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$1,000.00**

Thomas French (Auto)      \$945.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Thomas French  
Inspector of Gas

#### **REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING**

Herewith is submitted the Report in accordance with the by-law of the Town of Grafton and The Massachusetts General Laws during which 263 permits were issued.

For the Fiscal year, as of December 31, 2009, \$20,740.00 was collected for these permits and transferred to the Town Treasurer.

#### **PLUMBING INSPECTOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2009**

<b>Appropriation</b>		<b>\$16,173.00</b>
Salary	\$14,478.00	
Expenses	\$700.00	
<b>Total Expended</b>		<b>\$15,403.00</b>
<b>Unexpended Balance</b>		<b>\$225.00</b>

#### **PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$1,000.00**

Thomas French (Auto)      \$995.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Thomas French  
Inspector of Plumbing

#### **REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Over the past year the Zoning Board of Appeals welcomed Elias Hanna as a member of the Board.

Over the past year the Board reviewed a total of 16 cases numbering 738 to 753. Complete records of these cases are on file in the Building/Zoning Department Office and the Town Clerk.

As of December 31, 2009, \$14,645.00 was collected for these cases and transferred to the Town Treasurer.

#### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2009**

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>\$6,779.00</b>
<b>Transfer</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>\$7,579.00</b>
Salary	\$4,779.00
Expenses	\$2,000.00
Transfer	\$800.00

<b>Total Expended</b>	<b>\$5,842.22</b>
<b>Unexpended Balance</b>	<b>\$1,736.78</b>

#### **PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$500.00**

Administrative Personnel (Salary)	\$3,438.23
Communication	\$2,187.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Carney  
Chairman

#### **REPORT OF THE GRAFTON CABLE TELEVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

The Grafton Cable Television Oversight Committee provides general oversight of all cable access operations in the Town. Also, the Committee monitors the overall performance of both Charter Communications and Verizon with respect to their Grafton cable operations.

Listed below is a summary of Access Activities:

#### Public Access Usage:

During 2009, portable equipment was provided for producers 40 times. Non-linear editing equipment was requested 267 times. There were no requests for linear editing equipment. Studio shoots produced during the year totaled 137. There were 190 bulletins posted on the GCTV Bulletin Board, and a combined total of 45 bulletins posted on the GGTV and GETV Bulletin Boards during the year.



### **Public Access Production Course & GCTV Education Outreach:**

Two GCTV production courses were offered during the year with a total of 6 producers being certified. Also a 7th producer was certified during the year upon completion of coursework from a prior year's class.

Also this year, GCTV expanded its kid's summer class by offering 2 one week classes for ages 12 through 14. The week long workshop teaches kids the ins and outs of studio production with each class completing a class video project program which was aired on GCTV.

In addition, GCTV continued to offer Advanced Training Workshops for its producers during the year. GCTV Advanced Training Workshops are one time, 2 hour sessions for individuals or small groups on a specific subject that are offered on the last Monday of each month when the regular 8 week GCTV Production Course is not in session, or can be scheduled individually during regular GCTV hours of operations at a producer's convenience. Many individual workshops were conducted in 2009, and in addition, several monthly workshops for larger groups were conducted as well.

### **Programming Summary for Grafton Public, Government & Education Access Channels:**

Returning General and Public interest series originating from GCTV in 2009 included 2 Guys Who Like to Talk, Animal Adventures, Ask The Geezers, Blazis Safaris, Cooking With Tasha, Dark Nights of Grafton, Day Trip to History, Drive In Theater, From the GCTV Vaults, Good Neighbors, The Grafton Oral History Project, History in the Making, JR Presents... The Holy Blabbermouth, and That's A Good Question. In addition, programming from other access centers was broadcast including: Along The Blackstone, Bloomin' with the Bemis', Diocesan Special, The Dungeon of Dr. Dreck, Metro Church, Physician Focus, Real Estate Roundtable, The Literati Scene, Thyme in the Kitchen and Veteran's Forum, and finally Senior Scene.

Sports programming on GCTV in 2009 included: many Grafton Chiefs Jr. Pee Wee, Tiny Mites and Jr. Midgits Football games and The Grafton Library presents... Frisbee Champion at the Grafton Common. In addition, GCTV continued to air "Go Fish with Dan Kenney" a fishing series from Leicester Cable Access, "Backpacker's Journal", and "Senior Fitness with Brenda Armstrong", both produced in house at GCTV. Sports programming on Grafton Education Television in 2009 included: GHS Boys Varsity and JV Basketball games, 2008 Grafton Indians Football Highlights, GHS Girls Varsity and JV Basketball games, GHS Boys Varsity Baseball games, and GHS Girls Varsity Softball Games.

Interview, news and politically oriented programs broadcast on GCTV during the year included Worcester Tea Party presents...Professor Nick Sanchez, Worcester Research Bureau Forum: What's up with Downtown Worcester, Worcester Research Bureau Forum: Getting from Here to There, Worcester Research Bureau Forum: Closing the Gap in Public Education, Worcester Research Bureau Forum: Diagnosing Health Care Reform. In addition, GCTV continued regularly airing the following news and politically oriented series: "Capitol Perspective" from Senator Ted Kennedy's office and "Senate Forum from Senator Ed Augustus's office. A new news and politically oriented series began airing on GCTV in October of 2009, "Local Impact" from Acton Access. The show features interviews with local politicians and activists about hot button issues like Health Care Reform, Casinos in Massachusetts and environmental activism.

Music programming on GCTV in 2009 included a Blackstone Valley Community Holiday Concert, Apple Tree Arts Community Holiday Concert, Bonacoustic Concert from the Acappella group at St. Bonaventure College, Westborough Community Chorus presents...Broadway & Beyond, and the Curtis Family benefit featuring "Off The Hook" In addition, there were several music oriented series that continued to be played on GCTV including GCTV's longest running show "Music Reminiscence with Roger Isabelle."

Several new general interest series began airing on GCTV in 2009. New series produced in house at GCTV or by Grafton producers were: "Domestic Tranquility: The Lively Art of Matrimony" and "Reverb."

This year marked the return of the Annual LIVE GCTV New year's Eve Extravaganza for GCTV viewers after a one year hiatus. The Town was once again entertained by GCTV Producers performing skits, playing music, and other entertaining endeavors during the live 3 ½ hour broadcast from 12/31/2009 - 1/1/2010.

During 2009, interview, news and politically oriented programming broadcast on Grafton Government Television included: live and rebroadcast of Board of Selectmen meetings along with Planning Board, Secondary School Building Committee and School Committee meetings. Also, all regularly scheduled and special Town Meetings were broadcast live and replayed on GGTV. Several other meetings were aired including SSBC OPM Interviews, Grafton PAYT & Recycling Information, League of Women Voter's Candidate's Night, School Committee Community Forum, Grafton Fire Station Dedication and the Fisherville/Farnumsville Streetscape Public Forum.

General Interest programming broadcasted on Grafton Government Television in 2009 included: Flu: What You Can

Do, Be Red Cross Ready, Stay Fire Smart, Flu Facts FAQ's and Charles N. Bolack Recognition Night.

Grafton Educational Television rebroadcasts of the School Committee and Secondary School Building Committee Meetings along with the GHS weekly news program, "GHS On A Roll" were aired. Also, GETV broadcasted the "Forever Kevin Benefit Concert and a general interest program "Be A Parent, Not a Pal," a forum on legal responsibilities for adults hosting underage drinking parties.

#### **2009 Grafton Access Television News**

During 2009, Verizon cable subscribers began to receive all 3 Grafton access channels, which were previously unavailable on Verizon's system. Also, in 2009, Verizon installed a fiber optic cable feed from the GCTV control room to its cable TV system.

#### **GCTV Studio, Editing, Portable Equipment, Playback, and Course Use Totals for 2009 (in Hours):**

Date	Studio Use	Linear Edit	NL Edit	Cameras	Misc. Equip.	Playback	1st Run	Course
January	18.25		43.25	539	539	424.25	30.75	2
February	23		67.5	756.25	756.25	363	32.25	2
March	32		57.5	966.25	966.25	426.5	39.5	8
April	24.5		75.5	2075.25	2075.25	396.25	29.5	8
May	23		69.75	2498	2498	375	28	2
June	24		25.5	2084	2084	375	26.25	
July	15		34.5	1759.25	1759.25	391.75	27	15
August	21.5		53.5	810.5	862.5	403	25	17
September	21		41	859	859	366.75	35.4	6
October	18		53.25	767.5	767.5	390.5	33	6
November	32.5		33.5	1469	1469	404	26.25	4
December	21		54.5	1461	1506	418	29	
TOTALS	273.75	0	609.25	16045	16142	4734	361.9	70

#### **New Equipment Purchases in 2009:**

The Committee authorized the following major equipment expenditures during 2009: a new, higher capacity video server, increased electronic file storage for the studio and an Apple (Mac) Pro workstation editing system. Also during 2009, the Committee expended funds to allow for video-on-demand rebroadcasts from the GCTV website.

#### **Funding:**

Cable access operations are funded through payments made by each cable provider.

#### **Public Input:**

We welcome input from the public and access producers – all are invited to attend our monthly meetings or to contact us.

The Committee meets monthly (usually the third Saturday) and meetings are always posted at the Municipal Center. The Committee can be reached by writing to:

Grafton Cable Television Oversight Committee  
30 Providence Road  
Grafton, MA 01519

Danielle DeLucia, Grafton's Public Access Coordinator and Mark Durfee, Vice Chairman of the CATV Oversight Committee contributed the information included in this report.

#### **GRAFTON CABLE TELEVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE VENDOR PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$1,000.00**

Access Audio Video	\$12,797.56
The Camera Company	\$5,665.80
John LaPoint	\$3,997.50
Dell, Inc.	\$3,462.00
CDW Government Inc.	\$1,131.12

Respectfully submitted,  
**Grafton Cable Television Oversight Committee**  
Bob Hassinger, Chairman  
Mark Durfee, Vice Chairman/Clerk/Treasurer  
Bob DeToma, Member  
Richard Schultze, Member  
Corson Wyman, Member  
Bill Robidoux, Ex-officio (non-voting)

## **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

The Grafton Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was active during 2009 carrying out the Community Preservation Act, reviewing project submissions, and making funding recommendations to Town Meeting. In addition, members of the Committee traveled to Beacon Hill in the fall to show support for Senate Bill 90, An Act to Sustain Community Preservation, which will stabilize and strengthen the Community Preservation Act. The Bill received a favorable recommendation from the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business. It is now before the Committee on House Ways and Means.

At the Spring Town Meeting, voters approved several warrant articles funding a wide variety of projects. Voters approved the appropriation of \$51,700 for interior restoration work at the South Grafton Community House, and \$7,500 to hire a consultant to perform a historic preservation feasibility study of the Grafton Public Library to determine the best means for making the building handicap accessible. In addition, a \$31,500 appropriation was approved to fund the second phase of the restoration of the Hassanamisco Homestead located on the Hassanamisco Reservation. As has been done in prior years, the Affordable Housing Reserve (\$84,050) was transferred to the Grafton Affordable Housing Trust.

In the Fall, based on the results of the consultant's recommendation, voters appropriated \$172,000 to improve accessibility to the Grafton Public Library while preserving the historic structure in accordance with Massachusetts Historical Commission requirements. \$84,800 was appropriated to the Grafton Town House Oversight Committee for the restoration of fire escapes and the completion of design plans and construction specifications for the historical restoration of the exterior of the building.

For fiscal year 2009, Grafton collected \$255,304 through local surcharges and received \$172,804 in matching state funds.

The CPC is a nine-member committee that administers the Community Preservation Act, which Grafton adopted in the spring of 2002. The Act creates a stream of revenue from a local property tax surcharge and state matching funds to support projects in four areas: open space preservation, community housing, historical preservation and recreation.

The Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month. Copies of the Guidelines for Submissions are available in the Planning Office as well as through the Community Preservation Committee's page on the town's Web site.

John Stephens, Chairman  
Ken Holberger, Treasurer  
Joann Duncan, Clerk  
Jim Gallagher  
Paul Scarlett  
Bruce Spinney  
Heather Cargill  
Jennifer Thomas  
Conservation Commission Representative – vacant

## **REPORT OF THE SOUTH GRAFTON COMMUNITY HOUSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

The Community House  
25 Main Street  
Farnumsville Village  
South Grafton, MA 01560

The South Grafton Community House Oversight Committee has been granted funds from The Community Preservation Committee for interior renovations.

We will be restoring two rooms to their original condition exposing the tin walls and tin ceilings. The maple floors will also be refinished. Heat and air conditioning ducts will be placed above the tin ceilings and new light fixtures installed.

Specifications have been drawn up and will go out to bid in April 2010. The work goes on, and through the support of CPC this grand old school has truly become a great community resource.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Gauthier  
South Grafton Community House  
Oversight Committee, Chairman

## **GRAFTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Grafton Conservation Commission is charged with the protection of Grafton's natural resources. The Commission holds hearings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Workshop meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of most months. The public is invited to participate in any and all meetings.

When fully staffed, the Commission has seven full members all of whom are appointed volunteers. The Commissioners are Co-chair Dan Kallin, Co-chair John Wilson, Mary Wray, Joseph Campisi, Wade Hanna, and Sandra Brock. The Commission is currently seeking a volunteer to fill one Commissioner vacancy.

The office is staffed by Conservation Agent, Linda Dettloff, who is Head of the Conservation Department, and part-time Conservation Secretary, Jayne Zwicker.

Chief among the Conservation Commission's responsibilities is the administration and enforcement of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Grafton Wetlands Protection Bylaw. In 2009 the Commission held public hearings on 44 Notices of Intent and Requests for Determination of Applicability, as well as 14 requests to amend or extend existing Orders. The Commission inspected and acted on more than 34 Requests for Partial and Full Certificates of Compliance. The Commission also investigated various complaints and call regarding resource area concerns.

The Commission advises other Town boards and officials, as well as private individuals and groups, on issues that relate to its areas of jurisdiction. The Commission issued comment letters to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals for projects under review this year and places high priority on providing input during the preliminary design review phase of new developments and 40B projects.

Equally important is the Conservation Commission's authority under the Conservation Commission Act of 1957 to plan for natural resource protection, acquire important land and water areas, and manage these properties for conservation and passive recreation. In 2009, the Conservation Department worked on the following land protection and land management projects:

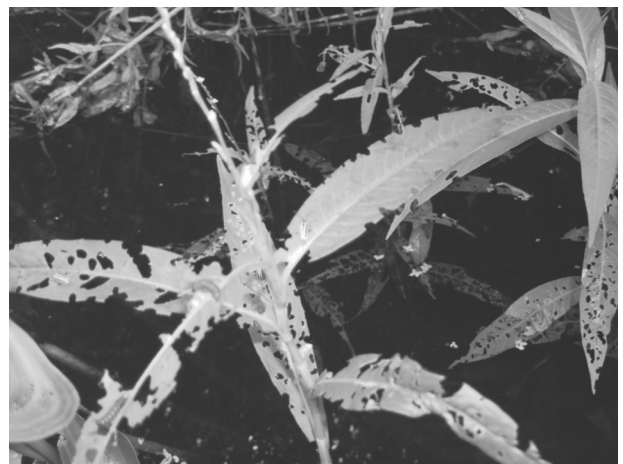
The Commission continues to receive funds under a USDA Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) grant to assist in the management of the Hennessey I Conservation Property and is actively managing the property for grassland habitat. 2008 work included continued work to eliminate invasive exotic species from field habitat. Conservation Department staff, identified, targeted, and eradicated a variety of invasive plants at field edges. This work will be ongoing in 2009 and beyond.

Another major long-term management project which began in 2007 with the release of 5,000 Galerucella beetles for the control of Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), the release of 10,000 beetles in 2008 and the release of an additional 1,000 beetles in 2009. Working with the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management Wetlands Restoration Program, the Conservation Department this year obtained the beetles without charge and released them in a carefully selected location along the Quinsigamond River. Monitoring quadrats are being checked during spring and fall as part of an ongoing review.

## PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE PROJECT



Monitoring quadrant for Purple Loosestrife



Galerucella beetles and larva  
and damage to Purple Loosestrife

In 2009, the Commission coordinated an interdepartmental work group to re-draft and bring to fall Town Meeting a Stormwater Management Bylaw. The Bylaw is a requirement of NDES Phase II and mandated by the EPA. The Bylaw passed and was sent to the Office of the Attorney General for approval as required. The Attorney General's office approved the Stormwater Management Bylaw without changes and it became effective in December 2009.

Working with the Trust for Public Land, the Commission completed work on a lease and other documentation to buy the Pell Property using a \$500,000 Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Grant as partial funding for the purchase. In February, 2009 the Town of Grafton took title to the 140-acre Pell Farm Property. The Commission completed and obtained state approval for a Management Plan for the property. In December the Commission had a Baseline Monitoring Report done for the property as part of the background docu-



mentation needed in preparing a Conservation Restriction. The Commission expects to have the Conservation Restriction completed, signed and approved by the state in the first half of 2010.

In addition to ongoing duties involving permitting, inspections, and administration of laws and regulations, the Conservation Department worked on several other varied projects during the year.

In a series of meetings, negotiations and site visits, the Department has worked out a tentative boundary clarification and adjustment with North Grafton Fish, Game and Bird Club, Inc. for common boundary with the Great Meadows Conservation Land. When the legal work is completed in 2010 the long-unclear property line will be clear and in the best interests of both entities and a surveyed boundary line will be recorded.

The Conservation Department worked with the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Wildlife to plan a boat launch and parking area at Riverview Park, which can best meet environmental permitting requirements. The application for Wetlands permits is expected to come before the Commission in 2010.

The Department also worked on various projects involving new FEMA Flood Maps; non-native invasive plant management; beaver issues; revisions to Open Space and Recreation Plan Action Plan; and other conservation land management concerns.

The Conservation Commission is also represented on the Lake Quinsigamond Commission, the Community Preservation Committee, the Hassanamesitt Woods Land Management Committee and the Hennessey Land Management Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Dettloff  
Conservation Agent  
Grafton Conservation Department

#### **REPORT OF THE GRAFTON COUNCIL ON AGING**

**\*\*It is the mission of the Grafton Senior Center to link needs with resources to maintain and enhance the overall quality of life for Grafton's senior and disabled population.\*\***

The Council on Aging is pleased to submit its annual report for the year ending December 31, 2009. Our programs grew and changed to reflect the changing needs of our wide popu-

lation. The Center has been highly utilized as a place of fun and recreation as well as a source of information, assistance and referral. Many individuals and families have come to us with personal crises and we are proud to have provided information and support.

The Grafton Senior Center endeavors to offer the older adult population (those 60 years of age and older) of Grafton a quality program including educational and wellness workshops, home delivered meals, congregate (on site) meals, crisis assistance, a referral/information service, transportation as well as recreational and fitness activities. The Department also offers a large volunteer program. Additional services include a monthly newsletter and fuel assistance.

The information and referral program is one of the most widely used services. We function as a community resource for obtaining information on a wide range of topics. These areas include fuel assistance, Meals on Wheels, dementia, elders-at-risk and elder abuse, among so many others. Family support for those coping with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias is a specialty of our department. All inquiries are held in strict confidence.

Outreach is a program where in-home assessments are conducted and services are suggested so that elders can remain independent and at home to age in place for as long as possible. Outreach also does "the little things" to enhance the quality of life for those that are homebound. Outreach Worker Tony Merenda was available to assist with the needs of elders and their families. Mr. Merenda also provided assistance with forms for the SMOC fuel program, along with the FOGIE (Friends of Grafton Elders) heat fund. These programs aid elders having financial difficulty heating their homes.

The GERT van (Grafton Elders Riding Together), along with the WRTA (Worcester Regional Transit Authority) van, allows for elders and the disabled of any age (when possible) to access rides to medical appointments, hair salons, grocery shopping as well as many other errands. It is a bit easier to give up driving when the time comes when one knows there is an alternative to asking friends and family for a lift. The availability of these vans has been invaluable in maintaining independence and dignity for our elder and disabled population. With our population aging, it is comforting to know there is alternate transportation available, as reaction time decreases after age eighty, approximately. With financial difficulties still in play for the WRTA, we hope to continue to receive some reimbursement for the operation of its vehicle. We thank Town Meeting voters for their support of this worthy endeavor. It is hoped transportation in Grafton will always be available, despite budget issues, as it is the life blood of senior independence. Grafton is a great place to age, we hope to keep it that way.



The Grafton Police Department partners with the Senior Center in helping us reach out to those in need. Elder Affairs Officer Sgt. John Harrington has been an asset to the Department. He was available to discuss concerns of crime, fraud or safety. We thank Chief Crepeau and the Grafton Police Department for its dedication to our seniors.

The Council on Aging received a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. This grant covers part of the wages of the WRTA van driver, volunteer recognition and education, medical transportation and supplies. This grant has been vital in meeting some departmental needs that the operational budget is not able to address, such as continued training.

The Council on Aging also received a grant from the Cultural Council, which enabled the Center to offer a wonderful performance here of a talented singer, Greg Curtis. His high energy show brought much elation to the group and he was very well received. We thank the Cultural Council for its support.

The Senior Center partners with Elder Services of Worcester Nutrition Program to serve meals to the senior population. Some folks eat lunch here at the Center, while others are homebound and receive a meal at home at a reduced cost, subsidized by the state. Socialization is key to wellness, and the nutrition program does much to create positive interactions as well as balanced meals.

The Senior Tax Work Off Abatement Program is administered by the Council on Aging office. It is a mutually beneficial partnership between seniors with applicable skills and town offices that need an extra hand. Seniors work in Town Departments doing various tasks in exchange for an abatement off their property taxes. It is income eligible, with certain requirements. Seniors worked 929.99 hours for the Town of Grafton, at \$8.00/hr towards their tax bills.

This Center is for ALL seniors in Grafton, not just for those who are in need of assistance or are very elderly. One visit here and you will see younger, active seniors taking part in exercise, tap, billiards, meals, etc. We always are happy to see a new face come through the door, and we make every effort to make you feel welcome. Please come down and introduce yourself! Or give us a call at 508.839.9242 and we will pick you up in our handy van (wheelchair lift accessible).

#### **Payments Over \$1000.00**

Accessible Solutions  
Martha Chartier – employee  
Barbara Connelly – employee  
Michelle Drumm – employee  
Anthony Merenda - employee  
Lorraine Picotte – employee  
Stanley Steemer  
Robert Taft – employee

### **GRAFTON SENIOR CENTER UNITS OF SERVICE July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 Unit of Service = 1 hour or 1 contact**

<b>REGULAR ACTIVITIES:</b>	<b># of Participants</b>	<b>Units of Service</b>
Billiards	12	80
Body & Soul Exercise	24	576
Book Group	8	130
Bridge- Duplicate	71	5,820
Bridge – Informal	4	218
Ceramics	4	178
Computer Lab Use	30	65
Computer Classes	10	58
Crafts	19	514
Cribbage	14	578
Cut Throat Pitch	7	1750
Day Trips	51	102
Extended Trips	2	4
Five Crowns	16	664
Independent Painting	16	498
Jog Your Noggin	25	61
Organ Social	56	1,666
Out to Lunch	23	178
Pitch	106	6,640
Red Hat Ladies	39	270
Rummikub	17	834
Scrabble	4	222
Stitch N' Bitch Quilters	7	364
Tai Chi	45	754
Tap/Jazz	5	63
Walking	64	1,095
Whist	71	<u>1,999</u>
		<b>25,381</b>

<b>SPECIAL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:</b>	<b># of Participants</b>	<b>Units of Service</b>
Barn Project	5	10
Bring Your Stamps	7	14
Class of 1954 Mtg	7	9
Computer Room Use/non class	11	76
Country and Oldies	23	46
Friends of Elders (FOGE)	118	808
Greensdale Mens Symphony	46	94
Halloween Festivities	45	98
Holiday Festivities	55	110
Ice Cream Social	57	66
Line Dancing	15	32
Lions Club Dinner	87	174
Mike Moore Supper	94	188
Musical Performances	112	230
Organ Social Concert	55	110
Past Life Regression	6	12
Paul Lamoureux Ent.	12	26
Psychometry and Energy	10	20

Red, White and Blue Luncheon	31	62
Senior Prom	94	282
Songs to Inspire	30	60
St. Patrick's Day Events	38	76
Three Swingin' Tenors	31	62
Ticket Sales	18	22
Trips- Extended	3	25
Valentine Festivities	17	34
Various Crafts	12	496
Various Performers	70	148
Veterans Luncheon – Lee Bartlett	29	58
Volunteer Appreciation	38	76
Water Color Class	1	2
Wii Overview	10	10

#### **ACTIVITIES TOTALS:**

#### **REGULAR AND SPECIAL:**

# of Unduplicated Participants:	# of Units of Service
<b>715</b>	<b>28,857</b>

#### **SPECIAL WELLNESS/EDUCATIONAL EVENTS:**

	<b># of Participants</b>	<b>Units of Service</b>
<b>:</b>		
Blood Pressure Clinics	82	724
Collaborative Quilt Project	10	46
Conversation Starters	1	2
Emergency Preparedness	2	2
Computer Classes	10	58
Farmers Market	50	75
How to Talk to Doc	6	12
Legal Clinic	6	6
Lifeline Screening	41	45
Manicures/Pedicures	39	351
Medical Equip Loans	46	85
National Night Out	50	100
Podiatry	21	96
Hearing	3	6
Representative/Senator Hours	30	34
Self-Healing	9	20
Sen. Kerry's Office Hours	4	12
SHINE	50	116
SNAP(Food Stamps)	2	6
Tax Preparation	71	144
Triad House Numbering	37	111
WRTA Meeting- Millbury	5	10
<b>Units of Service for Wellness/ED Events</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>2,061</b>

<b>MEALS:</b>	<b># Of Participants</b>	<b># of Meals</b>
Congregate (Eat at Center) Meals	65	4,740
Home Delivered Meals	113	14,184
<b>Total Meals Served</b>		<b>18,924 est.</b>

	<b># of Participants</b>	<b>Units of Service</b>
<b>SERVICES:</b>		
Information and Referral	2,658 est.	3,555 est.
Outreach	307	1,017
Home Visits	110	228
Office Visits	168	361
Fuel Assistance		
SMOC	35	233
FOGE	10	109
Medical Equipment Loans	37	87
Shine (Health Ins. Info)	39	48
Tax Preparation	77	166
Tax Work Off Program	14	48
	258	4
<b>Units of Service for Services</b>		<b>5,087</b>

#### **TRANSPORTATION:**

# of Rides	
159 Participants	<b>Total Rides: 5,678 FY09</b>

**The Average Rider Uses the Van Service Over 35 Times a Year**

#### **VOLUNTEERS:**

Volunteers include office help, tax preparation, medical drivers, kitchen help and miscellaneous helpers. We have approximately 100 generous volunteers.

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b># of Volunteer Hours</b>
Blood Pressure Clinics	48
Book Club	24
Card Party Volunteers	592
COA Meetings	180
Craft Volunteers	148
Driver – Meals on Wheels	1,629
Driver- Medicals	20
Independent Painting	90
Kitchen Helpers	2,936
Legal Clinic Attorney	20
Misc. Volunteers	60
National Night Out	13
Newsletter Preparer	52
Organ Social	44
Red Hats	20
SHINE Counselor	62
Stitchers	80
Tax Preparer	68
<b>Subtotal: Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>6,086</b>

#### **Units of Service Overall Summary:**

Reg. Activities	25,381
Special Activities	3,476
Wellness/Ed	2,061
Meals	18,924
Services	5,087
Transportation	5,678
Volunteers	6,086

**TOTAL UNITS OF SERVICE FOR FY09 =** 66,693

**Unduplicated Client Count : 1,189** (does not include random inquiries for information)

FY08 Units of Service 64,161

FY07 Units of Service 59,771

FY06 Units of Service 50,878

FY05 Units of Service 38,726

FY04 Units of Service 31,401

### **MANY THANK YOUs**

This report of the Council on Aging would be remiss if it did not acknowledge the many volunteers who tirelessly serve Grafton's seniors and disabled—whether you run the pitch group, deliver meals to the homebound, bring in goodies to share, or help in the kitchen, each and every one of you is appreciated. Without you we would not be able to offer the many programs currently available. Grafton is very fortunate to have such dedicated, caring individuals serving as volunteers. In addition, we wish to thank the many Town individuals, organizations and area businesses that have donated their resources. Special thanks to Worcester Elder Services for its dedication to providing services to our community. Our Girl Scout Troops in Grafton have added much to our Center. Many thanks to Grafton High School's National Honor Society and Community Leaders for their hard work in putting on a beautifully memorable "Evening in Paris" Prom. It was a wonderful night. Many, many thanks.

Thanks to the Assessors' and Treasurer/Collector's Office staff for their assistance in processing Tax Work Off abatements.

The Council thanks the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Tim McNerney, the Finance Committee and Town employees for their assistance and cooperation in helping this department meet its goals.

Thanks to the Friends of Grafton Elders for their efforts in supporting the heat fund. Many thanks to those individuals and businesses who have contributed to the heat fund to help elders keep warm.

### **THANKS TO COA STAFF**

The Council and Director thank the staff of the department for its kindness and compassion in caring for our elders. Your dedication to excellence is evident every day. It is because of you that the seniors feel welcome, cared for and heard. When someone with memory loss calls many, many times in one day, they receive the same tender response during the 7th call as they did in their first call. We are proud of the work you do, and the Town is fortunate to have you as elder advocates, particularly in these times of budget tightening. The Town has itself a top notch staff caring for its elder and disabled population—as well as their families, and it is a pleasure and an honor to work with you.

The Grafton Senior Center was open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday evenings until 8:30 p.m.

### **Beatitudes for Friends of the Aged**

*Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and palsied hand.*

*Blessed are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.*

*Blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits are slower.*

*Blessed are they who looked away when coffee spilled at breakfast today.*

*Blessed are they with a cheery smile, who stop to chat for a little while.*

*Blessed are they who never say "You've told that story twice today."*

*Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays.*

*Blessed are they who make it known that I am loved, respected and not alone.*

*Blessed are they who ease the days on my journey Home, in loving ways.*

- Author Unknown. Contributed by Alice Brodeur

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Grafton Council on Aging**  
William Drago, Chair  
William Cutler, Vice Chair  
Marcella Benoit, Secretary  
Phyllis Brown  
Barbara Gardner  
Rev. Phil Goff  
Chet Jakubiak  
Winifred Paul

### **STAFF LISTING**

#### **Full Time Staff**

Martha Chartier, Van Driver  
Michelle Drumm, Director  
Lorraine Picotte, Office Coordinator  
Robert Taft, Van Driver

#### **Part Time Staff**

Tim Brady, Volunteer SHINE Counselor  
Barbara Connelly, Secretary/Bookkeeper  
Tony Merenda, Outreach Worker  
Karen Kosiba, Elder Nutrition Meal Site Manager (ESW)



Some of our Body and Soul exercise class participants: Norma Surette, June Hanam, Jackie Hayes, Don Davison, Pauline St. Amand, , Barbara McLellan



#### **V.I.P.s (Very Independent Painters) Art Show**

Phyllis Keith, Mickey Mackowiecki, Sheila Granger, Carol Billings, Donna Coleman, Kneeling: Jeannine Bellarosa, and Peg Atchue,

### **GRAFTON CULTURAL COUNCIL**

The Grafton Cultural Council is composed of volunteers who are responsible for making decisions on how the money granted the Council by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) is allocated in ways that serve local cultural needs. The seven active members of the GCC are appointed by the Board of Selectmen for two-year terms.

*The mission of the Massachusetts Cultural Council is to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and to contribute to the economic vitality of our communities.*

The MCC receives funding from the Massachusetts legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts and distributes it through two channels: 1) direct grants to individuals and organizations through statewide competitive grant processes; and 2) distributions to local councils that then re-grant funds to individuals and organizations within the community. A tax-based formula is used to divide the total dollars among communities.

The GCC discussed the development of criteria and guidelines for the next cycle and established a grant writing session for interested applicants. The GCC was advised of the MCC fund allocation in September 2008 and application procedures were advertised in the media.

Following the application deadline October 15, 2008, the Council met often over the next few months to determine which of the 33 applications were approved for full or partial funding. In early 2009, the GCC approved ten grants and monitored reimbursements for them. Recipients were:

- Grafton Public Library Summer Reading Program Kick-off
- GES PTG: Theatre Works USA presents "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere"
- Grafton Recreation Commission Summer Concert Series
- Richard Clark performance of "Love Letters" for the Historical Society
- Grafton Center Playschool Music Enrichment Program
- Audio Journal "Our Towns"
- Greg Curtis: musical program for the Senior Center
- AppleTree Arts Holiday Concert on the Common
- Willard House and Clock Museum Colonial Muster Day
- SGES PTG field trip to the Connecticut Opera

An application submitted to the MCC by the Grafton Cultural Council for supplementary funding for the Fine Arts and Music Festival was approved.

In the spring and summer of 2009, the GCC distributed a survey to community residents to gather input on resident satisfaction and interests. Of the fifty surveys returned, most approved of the Council's direction including support of the annual festival and the summer concerts on the Common.

The 4th annual Grafton Fine Arts and Music Festival held at the Municipal Center was a three-day event, March 27-29, 2009. The Chair of the LCC chaired the Festival and most Council members were involved in the planning process along with teachers, artists, musicians, and other residents of Grafton. Over 160 artists exhibited over 300 works of art and staged a wide selection of musical offerings throughout the weekend. A youth exhibit contained about 150 works from Kindergarten through high school students. Performers in-



cluded representatives from Appletree Arts, a large jazz band, and individual performers. Workshops with art and music themes were held for children and adults.

GCC was fortunate to have the support of town officials and staff, local businesses, the Grafton Suburban Credit Union that donated prize money for children and adult artists, and the many interested residents who volunteered and participated. This successful event gave residents a chance to participate in and to view the artistic and musical accomplishments of their fellow townspeople, provided children and youth an opportunity to share in the limelight, and helped to bring greater visibility to the work of the Council.

A grantee reception was held at the Community Barn in November to celebrate the successful grant completions

Respectively submitted,

Fay C. Morrisson, Chair  
Kristen Proctor, Clerk  
Kristen Rainey, Treasurer  
Ellen Onorato  
Mitch Seidman  
Patti Sims  
John Stephens

## REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Our Chairperson, Cynthia Levine first proposed the formation of a Commission on Disability to the Board of Selectmen during its meeting of September 2, 2008. The authorization to establish the Commission arose from Article 18 of the semi-annual Town Meeting of October 20, 2008. Specifically, the Town voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8J. The Board of Selectmen then formed the 7-member Commission during its meeting of February 17, 2009, giving the Commission the following charge:

*“The mission of this Commission is to assure that all people in Grafton have an equal opportunity to participate in all functions involving living, working, and enjoying recreation activities. The Commission will work toward this end by informing, educating, monitoring and advising the public, including the business community and the Town administration.”*

The first meeting of the Grafton Commission on Disability occurred on April 16, 2009; we met a total of seven times in 2009. Shortly after our first meeting, we developed a web page on the Town’s web site, [www.grafton-ma.gov](http://www.grafton-ma.gov). This included our members’ names and email addresses, our meeting agendas and our minutes. The minutes have been submitted

in large print in order to assist those with low vision. We invite the public to read our minutes, attend our meetings and provide input.

During 2009, we worked closely with Apple Tree Arts and the Grafton Town House Oversight Committee regarding plans to make One Grafton Common an accessible building. Representatives from both groups came before our Commission to discuss the detailed plans for that building. We also made ourselves available for letters of endorsement needed for the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board, other State agencies, and for grant applications.

During our meeting of August 27, 2009, Grafton’s Building Inspector, Bob Berger came in front of our Commission for 45 minutes, discussing his role and the role of the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB), and provided a handout of CMR 521 through page 181. Our discussion also touched upon the distinction between MAAB and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

On August 27, 2009, our Commission also met with representatives from the Board of Library Trustees and the architectural firm, Skanska. We subsequently endorsed the use of Community Preservation funds to construct a ramp and create a fully accessible restroom at the Center Library. The necessary appropriation was approved under Article 17 at our semiannual Town Meeting of October 19, 2009.

During our September 24, 2009 meeting, Mr. Thomas P. Hopkins, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board gave a very informative 90-minute training. He was accompanied by Mr. Mark Dempsey, Compliance Officer for that Board.

Cynthia Levine and Roger Trahan, Jr. presented to the Board of Selectmen on October 6, 2009 regarding handicapped parking fines. During that meeting, the Board voted to exercise its authority under Mass General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 22G to appropriate all fines received from handicapped parking violations to the Commission on Disability. Our Treasurer/Collector, Deborah A. Fox created Account No. 29.122.280.4233 pursuant to that vote.

Our Commission will continue to educate the public around issues of disability, using all available media. We will also collaborate with Boards and Committees to create a more accessible Grafton. Lastly, we extend our thanks to Mary White for her service on the Commission during 2009.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Levine, Chairperson  
Cathy Jacques, Vice Chairperson  
Roger R. Trahan, Jr., Clerk  
Cindy Vegnone  
Charles Villee



## REPORT OF THE ENERGY STUDY COMMITTEE

The Grafton Energy Committee renews its membership in August of each year. This is the committee's second year in operation.

The Energy Study Committee was created in June 2008 to study present day and future energy requirements for the Town of Grafton. The purpose of the Committee is to seek information on sources of energy as well as their uses, advantages and disadvantages, and to periodically report to the Board of Selectmen with information on recommendations involving conservation, along with new and innovated types of energy and how they would apply to the municipality in all respects.

The following lists the current appointed and active members:

John Dowling	Chairman
Jim O'Connor	Clerk
John Carlson	Member
Edmund Hazzard	Member
Daniel Helms	Member
John Iafolia	Member
Richard McCarthy	Member
Nick Pugliano	Member

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- The GEC completed a task of organizing and identifying all electrical/gas meters and accounts, oil deliveries and gasoline/diesel deliveries within the municipality. The goal is to determine an energy baseline for all town building that can be used to identify where we can most easily implement upgrades to decrease our energy use and costs. The GEC used the gathered data to apply to participate in the State Energy Audit Program (EAP) and the Energy Information System (EIS) in April of 2009. The EAP was to provide detail energy audits for each town building in August of 2009, unfortunately funding was lost and the audits have been push to the end of 2010. The EIS now called the Mass EnergyInsight program was launched this week with the training for Central MA hosted by the Town of Grafton! This program allows on-line monitoring of all "Energy" accounts within the municipality. The towns use of this data will help us budget and manage our energy use and help us identify where we could benefit most from upgrades. The reports we can generate from this data can be used in future grant applications and is required for our quest to become a Green Community.
- The GEC applied for and qualified for a no-cost Energy Audit of all our buildings by the State but unfortunately they ran out of funds before our audits were started.

- The GEC conducted the first annual Town Energy Summit for Municipality Managers, School Administrators and Principals in October 2009. The GEC presented information on all energy usage (electrical, natural gas, oil, gasoline, and diesel) by the town broken down by building and then compared to a national average of similar buildings supplied by Brookhaven National Labs. A survey was conducted and information gathered about the performance of most of the town buildings too assist in prioritizing building improvements. The goal was to raise energy awareness within the town and confirm how the town departments can utilize the Grafton Energy Committee.
- The GEC applied for a \$143,000 EECBG grant for a 20kW PV (solar system) system too be installed on the HS Gym/Auditorium roof. Application is pending, notification due the end of February. This system is expected to offset over \$10k of electricity costs per year at today's electric rates.
- The GEC submitted an application to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center" (MCEC) via the "Clean Energy Choice" Program for a grant. The grant of \$14,811.23 was awarded which were used to purchase;
  - Outreach materials for the upcoming Grafton Energy Fair
  - Solar kits for the students of GES.
  - Solar Racer kits for the students of GMS.
  - Renewable energy professional development classes for both Elementary School teachers and GMS/GHS teachers laying the groundwork for them to incorporate energy related information into their teaching modules.
- The installation of a 1.1kW PV system with a Digital Acquisition System allowing all K-12 teachers, students and citizens access to the production data used to expand their understanding of renewable energy while offsetting electricity costs. This will allow teaching math and science at GHS through the use of renewable energy site survey tools, learning energy awareness and recording the installation of the new solar PV system.
- The GEC submitted a lengthy application for Grafton to become a member of the State's Green Communities Program which affords us a free state appointed consultant to assist us in meeting the criteria outlined by the program. If we earn State Green Community Status it will allow us access to \$1 million/year of grant funding for energy related improvements.
- The GEC participated in various meetings throughout the year including Small Wind initiatives, Net Metering Tariff, Building Code/Stretch Code training and Mass Energy Insight software training.

### **ONGOING INITIATIVES:**

- The GEC will continue to work with the Building Inspector in consideration of building maintenance and energy conservation and efficiencies.
- The GEC will take an active roll in the design of any new buildings in the town.
- The GEC will be having the first annual Town Energy Fair on Saturday March 15 where we will have speakers presenting information on Alternative Energy (wind, solar, hydro...), Geo-thermal heating/cooling, Energy Conservation with a guest speaker from the State and a Vender Exhibit area for general education on new consumer products.
- The GEC is actively pursuing grant applications for Energy grants from national, state and commercial agencies.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dowling, Chair  
Grafton Energy Study Committee

### **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Although the fiscal year and the Committee member terms run from July to June, the Finance Committee continually holds numerous meetings and public hearings throughout the fiscal year. The primary functions of the Finance Committee are: the reviewing of departmental budget requests, the reviewing of the Town Administrator's recommendations for the budget, and forwarding a balanced budget for consideration at the May Annual Town Meeting.

The cycle for preparing for the annual budget begins before the October Annual Town Meeting. The Finance Committee monitors current economic conditions, reviews the previous and current fiscal year results, establishes the schedule for Finance Committee meetings and public hearings, and begins the budget cycle with a general joint public meeting with the school and municipal department heads in November /December. In the early winter, a public hearing date is set for the Town Administrator to present the proposed balanced budget for the next fiscal year of the Town's operating and capital expenses budgets. Throughout the spring, there are many public meetings to review the school and municipal budgets along with revenue estimates. This leads up to the May Annual Town Meeting.

Pursuant to the Town Charter, the Finance Committee reviews every article placed on a Town Meeting Warrant and holds public meetings and public hearings to gain insight into what direction the community may want to proceed. The Committee then makes its published recommendations available to the community for review prior to Town Meeting.

As part of its continuing involvement in town affairs, the Finance Committee also administers the Reserve Fund, which is used to address extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures. The 2009 Reserve Fund transfers are listed below.

The effects of our growing population continue to impact our Town. The Finance Committee continues to hear the need for more services in the schools, police, and fire departments, as well as other municipal departments. At the same time that the requests for services had increased, our rate of revenue growth had slowed. Many costs such as healthcare, retirement, and governmental mandates were on the rise. This presented challenges in formulating a balanced budget without a new source of revenue. At the May Town Meeting there was discussion and a vote regarding the implementation of Pay As You Throw to offset the Town's growing sanitation costs. The Selectman ultimately decided to implement this program allowing the Town to vote on a balanced budget.

The Finance Committee is happy to report that as the result of the hard work and diligence of all the boards, committees, elected officials and volunteers, our budget remained balanced for another year, our bond rating remained strong and we closed the year with money in the bank. The Finance Committee understands and cautions that the next years may be fiscally challenging years which will continue to require extraordinary leadership, creativity, fiscal conservatism, and teamwork between all departments, boards, committees, and elected officials in order to achieve a positive financial future for the Town of Grafton.

The Finance Committee would like to note, with great satisfaction, the new Fire Headquarters is being well utilized.

In addition to the work of the Finance Committee as a whole, the following Town Committees had Finance Committee representation in 2009:

- Economic Development Committee (Sue Robbins)
- Fire Station Building Committee (Doris Metivier)
- New Municipal Secondary School Building Committee (Bob Foley)
- Town Administrator Search Committee (Heather McCue & Sue Robbins)
- Town-Owned Land Committee (Don Davison)
- By-Law Review Committee (Sandy Merrill)
- Shared Services Committee (Dave Libbey)
- New Space Needs Committee (Dave Ross)
- Strategic Planning Committee (Don Davison)

Lastly, thank you to Susan Fiacco for her incomparable dedication and much appreciated support, as she continues to serve as the Finance Committee Secretary.

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009**

Line	Appropriation	Expenditure
Salary	\$7,464.00	\$6,303.15
Expenses	\$5,350.00	\$6,712.04
Total	\$12,814.00	\$13,015.19

Payments in excess of \$1,000.00	Amount
Susan M. Fiacco, Secretary to the Finance Committee	\$6,510.34
The Grafton News	\$5,862.00

Reserve Fund			
Appropriation	Expenditure	Transferred in	Returned to the Town
\$75,000.00	\$12,162.04	\$0.00	\$62,837.96

Transfers from the Reserve Fund- Expenses	Amount
Finance Committee	\$1,362.04
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$800.00
Municipal	\$10,000.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Libbey, Chairman  
Dave Ross, Vice Chairman  
Donald P. Davison, Jr., Clerk  
Bob Foley  
Heather Mccue  
Sandy Merrill  
Doris Metivier  
Lisa Rice  
Sue A. Robbins

**REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Grafton Fire Department is a Call Department operating out of three stations. Station One, now located on Upton Street, also serves as Fire Headquarters and the Business Office. Station Two is located on Mill Street in North Grafton and Station Three is on Main Street in South Grafton.

The Fire Department Business office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are closed one hour for lunch. The office is also opened on Saturday mornings during Burning Season.

The Open Burning Season begins January 15th and ends on May 1st of each year. All Open Burning shall be done under the provisions of a properly executed permit issued by the Fire Department. For additional information regarding Open Burning and how to obtain a permit, please call the business office at 839-4606.

The Grafton Fire Department is one of the largest call fire departments in Massachusetts and despite the fact that all new

recruits must attend a Firefighter Recruit Class, CPR and First Responder, we continue to have a waiting list for positions on the Fire Department.

The members of the department continue to work towards maintaining Firefighter I/II certification in addition to attending other training courses offered by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and department sponsored drills. The Fire Department provides two opportunities for Firefighter I/II training. Members can attend a class offered by District 7, or they can attend a class offered by the Fire Department, in-house. The Firefighter I/II Training can consist of up to One hundred Eighty (180) hours of training. All new recruits are required to attend the District 7 Firefighter 1/II Certification Training. Alert Ambulance Service provides our First Responder and CPR Training.

The Fire Department Rehab Vehicle has been in service for a few years and continues to be an asset to the Grafton Fire Department. Our Rehab Vehicle serves as an onsite firefighter support vehicle for all major incidents within Grafton as well as those towns within our district. The service this vehicle pro-

vides is supported solely by donations. We have received substantial donations from Grafton's citizens and the businesses and our mutual aid communities continue to be generous with donations to support this effort.

Though the Fire Department has vacated the building at 3 Worcester Street, Alert Ambulance, the Town's contracted ambulance service, will continue to operate out of that location, on a twenty four-hour basis.

In addition to presentations to the schools the department also offers safety programs to Nursing Home employees, DYS facilities, group homes and various other groups within Grafton on request.

Handicap, Tot Finder and Emergency Phone Number stickers are available at the Fire Department business office, 26 Upton Street, during office hours.

The following members served as Officers of the Grafton Fire Department in 2009 and have been appointed for indefinite terms:

Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden:  
 Michael E. Gauthier, Fire Chief  
 Board of Fire Engineers:  
 Michael Mills, Deputy Chief  
 James E. Barker, Assistant Chief  
 Stephen L. Charest, Assistant Chief  
 Company Officers-Captains:  
 Stephen P. Bavosi, Station One  
 Stephen Roney, Station Two  
 Richard L. Allain, Station Three  
 Senior Lieutenants:  
 Paul Cournoyer, Station One  
 Thomas Mulcahy, Station Two  
 Steven W. Gauvin, Station Three  
 Second Lieutenant:  
 Michael Corda, Station One  
 James R. Brawn, Jr., Station Two  
 Ronald Beauregard, Station Three

In an effort to better utilize our resources, past and present, we have been using our retirees as Inspectors, when possible. Retired Chief Guilmette and Retired Chief Philip Gauthier serve the department as Inspectors.

#### INVENTORY OF VEHICLES IN SERVICE

2008	Ford Expedition	Car 1
2001	Pierce Midmount Aerial Tower	Tower I, Station 1
2001	American LaFrance Pumper	Engine 1, Station 1
2000	Ford Explorer	Fire Prevention
1999	Chevrolet GMT400 PU	Maintenance 1, Station 1

1994	Pierce Sabre Pumper	Engine 3, Station 3
1990	Ford F700 Pumper	Engine 10, Station 2
1988	Ford Heavy Duty Rescue	Squad 1, Station 3
1984	American LaFrance Pumper	Engine 2, Station 2
1977	Dodge Hose Reel Truck	Truck 7, Station 1
1976	Chevrolet Light/Air Truck	Truck 6, Station 2
1975	Dodge Tanker	Tanker 1, Station 1
1975	AMGEN Forestry Truck	Forestry 1, Station 1
1966	Kaiser Forestry Truck	Forestry 3, Station 3

The department responded to 420 calls for service during the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009:

Structure Fires – 16  
 Chimney Fires – 4  
 Vehicle Fires – 13  
 Brush Fires/Illegal Burning – 28  
 Refuse Fires/Dumpster – 1  
 Electrical Fires, Power lines – 17  
 Smoke (food)/Heat/Investigations – 24  
 Appliance Fires/Appliance Malfunctions – 5  
 Leaks & Spills/Chemical & Water – 28  
 Rescues, Extrication, Accidents/EMS/Assists – 61  
 Carbon Monoxide/Natural Gas/Nat Gas Odor – 56  
 Mutual Aid/Standby – 22  
 False (Accidental Activation, Malicious) – 20  
 False (Equipment Malfunction) – 111  
 Bomb Threat – 0  
 Storm/State of Emergency Duty/Flooding/Lightning – 3  
 Rekindle – 0  
 Services Rendered/Lockouts – 6  
 SEEP – 2  
 Animals- 1

988 Burning Permits were issued during the 2009 Open Burning Season.

The Board of Fire Engineers meets on the last Monday of each month, and as needed, at Fire Headquarters 26 Upton Street.

EMERGENCY NUMBER: to report a fire ONLY is 9-1-1, for all other Fire Department business call 839-4606 during business hours.

On behalf of the Board of Fire Engineers, I extend my sincere thanks to all Town Officials and Departments for their continued cooperation, assistance and support.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Michael E. Gauthier, Fire Chief

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2009**

APPROPRIATION: \$ 475,010.00  
TRANSFER AMOUNT:

Salaries & Wages	251,794.32
Expenses	108,674.23
New/Replacement Equipment	69,252.79
Encumbered Funds	<u>472.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENDED: \$ 430,193.34

UNEXPENDED BALANCE: \$ 44,816.66

RECEIPTS: \$ 24,625.73

Permits and Inspections, Reports	\$21,446.07
Details	955.00
Plan Review	2,224.66

**EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF \$1,000.00**

Air Cleaning Specialists	2,034.70
Apollo Safety, Inc	3,187.00
Bigelow Electric Co Inc.	2,146.86
Budzyna, W.J.	16,745.40
Fallon Clinic	1,607.00
Firematic Supply Co., Inc	20,495.54
Fire Tech & Safety of New England	4,800.00
Glacial Energy	3,802.42
Independent Compressor Service	1,955.57
Industrial Protection Services	37,235.65
Ed Lyons Fire Equipment	4,971.42
Mass Fire District 7	1,518.22
Minuteman Trucks	29,337.94
National Grid	14,833.70
National Fire Protection Association	2,708.93
Nstar Gas	8,713.65
Pierce Manufacturing	246,371.00
Plante, Brianna	3,672.00
Raps Auto Parts	1,409.94
Raynor Overhead Door	1,110.00
Verizon Centrex	1,387.25
Verizon Mobile	1,655.44
Verizon Telephone	2,349.81

**THE FARNUMSVILLE FIREHOUSE**

Blackstone Engine House No. 3  
3A Main Street  
South Grafton, MA 01560

Work on the Farnumsville Firehouse still continues to move forward. Work on the swinging doors is moving along and will be installed this year.

We work with the very small budget allotted to this building and do what we can do each year.

We hope it will be a great year for this project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Skip Michniewicz  
Farnumsville Firehouse Committee, Chairman

**HASSANAMESIT WOODS  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

We are pleased to report that notable progress toward our goals was achieved during the 2009 calendar year.

The trail improvement project took a major step forward in 2009. With MHC and DCR permits granted for work on both trail improvement projects and installation of interpretive signs, a Notice of Intent was filed with the Conservation Commission. Permission was granted for work where the existing main trail passes through wetlands. With all permits then in hand, work was scheduled during the dry season. Committee volunteers, with the help of Venture Crew, completed work on Crossing #1.

Our Main Entry sign and Kiosk signs were installed in the spring. Both were thoughtfully situated to be readily visible from approach on Salisbury Street. Our Kiosk sign contains a map of Hassanamesit Woods, some background information about its history and acquisition, and lists our acquisition partners. Two slip sheet pockets allow for posting of public service announcements and topics of general interest to visitors.

In our continuing efforts for outreach, we arranged with the Fiske Center to place an exhibit of various artifacts at the Center Library. An announcement was published in the *Grafton News*. At the end of the month's display, Professor Steve Mrozowski gave a lecture at the Library. This project provided an additional opportunity for the citizens of Grafton to learn about the ongoing research at Hassanamesit Woods.

Website improvements during 2009 were numerous, and key ones are as follows. A vascular plant inventory, recorded by Oakfield Research, was added as a downloadable file. New links, one with the "Fiske Center", and another, the "Sarah Boston Homestead Excavation" were also made available.



The first of several sessions to clear invasive plants was begun in the fall. This project was under the guidance of our Con Com representative Paul Vigeant and included the help of other trained committee members. Japanese barberry was removed in large quantity.

The HWMC and the Town of Grafton continued its relationship with the Fiske Center for Archaeological Research. The 2009 field school continued their work on the site of the Sarah Boston homestead during summer and again in the fall. As always, volunteers were welcome at the site on Fridays. Key finds were extensive deposits of domestic refuse and household utensils including three, large, iron kettles that were nested together. Their plan for the summer of 2010 is to again hold a field school during the month of June. The focus of their investigation will continue to be the Sarah Boston homestead, however two additional properties will be examined based on additional, ongoing, documentary research. This idea has been presented to the Nipmuc Tribal Council for their approval and they have offered preliminary support. They have also expressed an interest in beginning a dialogue with the Town of Grafton and the State Archaeologists Office to consider the final disposition of artifacts recovered from this site.

With most major goals for the property either in place or in progress, we scheduled a Grand Opening for late September to coincide with the end of the season's excavation and the State's Archaeology Month. Announcements were placed in the *Grafton News* and other media outlets. The public was invited as well as many special guests including our partners, our contractors, supporters, past committee members, and representatives from local, state and federal agencies. The event began with a guided interpretive trail walk, followed by a reception at the Community Barn and a slide presentation and lecture by Steve Mrozowski. Despite inclement weather, turnout was considered good. Summary articles appeared in the *Grafton News* and in the *Telegram's Flash*.

Committee membership experienced changes and vacancies during 2009. Special thanks to Michael Urban, Paul Vigeant and Chrystal Cleary for their dedicated service and hard work. We ended the year with vacancies in the following seats: Historical Society, Conservation Commission, BOS, and at-large. In early 2010 we expect to have the at-large position filled as there is a current applicant awaiting appointment.

The HWMC looks forward to another productive year in 2010. Management and support of the archaeological investigations by the Fiske Center will be our priority. Trail maintenance and improvements, updating the virtual visitor center, and attention to signage will constitute the majority of our remaining work.

I would like to thank all 2009 committee members who were so exceptional in their dedication and willingness to work hard to accomplish our goals: Chrystal Cleary, Rae Gould, Ed Hazzard, Eric Johnson, Chris Methot, Jennifer Thomas, Michael Urban, and Paul Vigeant.

## GRAFTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Grafton Historical Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Grafton Municipal Center. The seven members of the Commission are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and serve three-year terms. With the assistance of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Grafton Historical Commission works to: identify local historical buildings, landscapes and archaeological sites; educate the community about the significance of local history; and protect and preserve historic buildings, structures, cemeteries, landscapes, scenic roads and heritage trees in the Town of Grafton.

Continuing members of the Commission include Kathy Aberizk, Linda Casey, Margaret Ferraro, Paul Scarlett and John Stephens. The newest members of the Commission are Ruth Anderson and Ann Morgan, both of who were appointed in 2009. Retiring from the Commission were June Lufkin and Michael Urban; the Commission is grateful for their service and commitment to preserve Grafton's history.

The "*Take Time for History*" Trail in North Grafton remains a priority for the Commission. Due to increased costs, the "Old Stone Arch Bridge" reconstruction and stabilization project is currently on hold. Tim McNerney, Town Administrator, strongly supports the reconstruction plan for the bridge and is working to extend local and federal permits for the project. Federal "stimulus" funds, as well as foundation and private support, are being pursued to complete this project.

An additional element of the "*Take Time for History*" Trail includes improvements at New England Village Common. A community meeting was held in June at the North Grafton United Methodist Church. Participants recommended planting trees and placing benches on the Common as a first phase of the project. The Grafton Job Corps will be solicited to assist with the project. New England Village is one of the most intact mill villages in the Blackstone Valley with a significant number of surviving 19th century buildings.

The Oral History Project is in its fourth season and is an overwhelming success. Under the leadership of Linda Casey, the project now includes 26 half-hour interviews that have been aired on Grafton Cable Channel 11. Circulating copies of the interviews are available at the Grafton Public Library. Long-time Grafton residents interested in participating in the project are encouraged to contact Linda Casey. This project was funded by the Community Preservation Committee and is an excellent example of how CPC benefits the residents of Grafton.

The Commission continues to partner with the Grafton Historical Society on two history projects. The historic house plaque program is offered to owners of historic homes and buildings in Grafton. The wood-framed metal signs include the construction date and original owner's name. The Society provides administrative and research assistance to the program. Owners of buildings or homes over 50 years old who

would like a plaque should contact John Stephens if interested in obtaining a plaque. Another partnership project is *The Old and Indian Burying Ground* booklet. It includes photographs of two dozen significant headstones from the cemetery, information about the stone carvers who made them, an explanation of the symbolism used on the stones and a listing of the vital statistics of those interred in the 18th century section of the burying ground. The booklet is available at the Grafton Historical Society in the old Town House.

John Stephens and Peg Ferraro represented the Commission at site meetings with Massachusetts Highway Department engineers for the reconstruction of the Pleasant Street bridge. The original double-arched stone bridge was damaged during the initial repair work, and the Commission, along with the Massachusetts Historical Commission, agreed to the reconstruction of the bridge using original stones to face new the pre-cast concrete arches. The goal was to maintain the original appearance of the stone arches of the bridge. After being out of service for several years, the bridge opened in the summer and represents a success for the Commission in its efforts to maintain the historic character of the bridge while providing a new, structurally sound bridge for the Town.

Each year numerous mature public shade trees and historic stonewalls are lost throughout Grafton. The Commission's greatest concern is for the trees and stonewalls located on designated Scenic Roads. The Commission plans to work with the Department of Public Works to re-activate the Public Shade Tree Committee and to seek grant funding from the Department of Conservation and Recreation to replant trees along Grafton's Scenic Roads. The Commission will continue to advocate for aggressive enforcement of the Town's Shade Tree Bylaw and Scenic Road Bylaw to protect these valuable and irreplaceable Town assets.

The Commission's web page saw several improvements during the year. June Lufkin, Linda Casey and Peg Ferraro worked with Assistant Town Planner, Ann Morgan, to update the information on the Town's web site. Members, contact information, terms, along with the annual meeting schedule, agendas and minutes, are now available on-line. Additional information to be added to the web site includes sample house histories from the 1991 town-wide architectural survey, video clips from the Oral History programs and architectural renderings of the Old Stone Arch Bridge and Whitney Park renovation projects.

The Commission receives monthly updates from the Community Preservation Committee by its CPC representative, John Stephens. Several CPC-funded historic preservation projects were endorsed by the Commission, including financial support for the Town House and Center Library handicap accessibility projects, fire escape repairs at the Town House, interior restoration of the South Grafton Community House, stabilization of the Nipmuc Nation's long house on Brigham

Hill Road and the Farnumsville and Fisherville Streetscape Project.

The Town of Grafton was incorporated in 1735 and the year 2010 will mark the 275th anniversary of its founding. The Commission plans to work with the Grafton Historical Society and the newly formed Grafton 275th Celebration Committee to commemorate this significant milestone with special events throughout the year.

Grafton is fortunate to have a wealth of historic resources, and residents are encouraged to contact any of the commissioners with concerns or recommendations for future projects to preserve and protect these irreplaceable assets.

Respectfully submitted,

John Stephens, Vice Chairman  
Margaret Ferraro, Chair  
Paul Scarlett, Clerk  
Ruth Anderson  
Kathy Aberizk  
Linda Casey  
Ann Morgan

#### **GRAFTON 275TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

The Grafton 275th Anniversary Committee was established by the Board of Selectmen in September to plan, organize, coordinate, schedule and publicize events celebrating the 275th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Grafton in 1735. The committee is comprised of members representing various Grafton boards, committees, commissions, businesses, groups, clubs and non-profit organizations. Membership is open to any Grafton resident and guests are invited to attend the meetings.

The committee meets every three weeks at various locations in North Grafton, South Grafton and the Center and maintains web pages on The Grafton News, The Grafton Times and the Town of Grafton web sites. Initial planning includes Grafton History Weekend in May, the Founders' Ball on May 15, a Victorian Tea on May 16, the Lions Club Circus in late June and Old Home Day on Grafton Common with an Old Fashioned Parade on October 2. Additional events, programs and activities will be announced throughout 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Stephens, Chairman  
Joseph Tancrell, Treasurer  
Margaret Ferraro, Clerk

Dr. Samer Aleid  
Helen Blazis  
Charles Bolack  
Linda Casey  
Barbara Cleary  
Donald Clark  
Philip Gauthier  
Skip Michniewicz  
Theresa Michniewicz  
Jennifer Paluzzi  
John Riemer

## **GRAFTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

The Grafton Historic District Commission was established to insure the preservation of the architecture and historical features of the buildings and other structures within the historic district. The Commission generally meets on the third Thursday of each month in the Municipal Center.

Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness were received for three projects. The Evangelical Congregational Church received approval on September 25, 2008 to replace the slate on the hip roof of the 1950's Addition with asphalt shingles. The project was deemed not to have a substantial impact on the district and the public hearing requirements were waived. Evangelical Congregational Church received approval on February 28, 2009 to construct a new exterior vestibule designed to enclose a limited use limited access elevator allowing handicap accessibility to the church sanctuary. The project was deemed to have a substantial impact on the district and a public hearing was held on February 28, 2009. The dwellings at 37 & 39 Grafton Common were denied there certificates for the installation of replacement windows since the proposed materials where inconsistent with the requirements outlined in the Grafton Historic District Commission design guidelines. The project was deemed to have a substantial impact on the district and a public hearing was held on July 23, 2009.

Applications for Certificates of Non-Applicability were received for two projects. The Evangelical Congregational Church received approval on September 25, 2008 to replace the existing asphalt shingles on the main roof of the 1950's Addition with new asphalt shingles. The dwelling at 2 Oak Street received approval on February 23, 2009 to replace with like material the granite post at the entrance to the properties driveway.

Commissioners sent a letter to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen regarding maintenance concerns at the Grafton Town House and landscaping issues around structures on the common. In addition, a letter was sent to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectman regarding the damage sustained by the Route 140 Traffic Dummy adjacent to the Grafton Town House. The commission suggested possible temporary enhancements to both the traffic dummy structures, i.e., granite curbing and color change, in an effort to prevent further damage.

The commission published and distributed The Grafton Historic District Commission Property Owners Informational Handbook which provides commission member contact information, instructions on how to file an application to perform work on the exterior of structures within the district, and the commissions design guidelines.

The Commission amended their Rules and Regulations after public hearing comment to allow for design changes to be made on an existing approved certificate in which the work has not been completed.

The Commission provided comment to the Grafton Center Library regarding initial concept drawings for their proposed accessibility project.

One member resigned from the Commission (David Stevens) after several years of service to the commission. The commission wishes to thank David Stevens for his many years of devoted service to maintaining the character of our town's historic district. The Board of Selectmen appointed one new member (William Shaw) in November 2008 to replace Mr. Stevens.

Respectfully submitted,

John Morgan, Chair  
Jan Berry, Vice Chair  
Mark Carlson, Clerk  
William Nicholson  
John Stephens  
John Marro  
William Shaw

## **REPORT OF THE GRAFTON HOUSING AUTHORITY**

The Grafton Housing Authority owns and/or manages 174 units of affordable housing for families, the elderly and disabled individuals. The Forest Lane and Maxwell Drive Complexes in North Grafton offer 128 apartments for people over age 60 and disabled persons. There are six units of family housing located at McHale Drive in Grafton and sixteen units at Veteran's Circle in South Grafton. The Authority administers four Vouchers under the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program. This program provides a rental subsidy paid directly to private landlords on behalf of the program participants.

There are twenty units of housing for individuals with special needs located at Forest Lane and Providence Road. Although the Authority owns these buildings, the management of these units is provided by Alternatives Unlimited under the direction of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health.

The Grafton Housing Authority is regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development and is financially self-sufficient. The entire operating budget is derived from rental income. The Authority does not receive financial assistance from the Town of Grafton and makes payment in lieu of taxes on its family housing.

Management of the Authority is overseen by the Grafton Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Four of the five Board of Commissioners members are elected by the Town of Grafton and one is appointed by the Governor. The Board meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are held alternately at the Maxwell Drive and Forest Lane Community Centers. The Commissioners are committed to providing quality, affordable housing in Grafton and welcome public attendance at their meeting. Members, offices held and term expirations are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Term</b>
James Gallagher 31 Hollywood Drive N. Grafton, MA 01536	Vice Chairman	2011
George Mahassel P.O. Box 59 9 Sartell Road Grafton, MA 01519	Vice Treasurer	2010
Edward Murphy 135 Millbury St. Grafton, MA 01519	Treasurer	2012 State Appointee
Lou Boersma 4 Deerfield Ct Grafton, MA 01519	Chairman	2013
Richard Allen 34 Millbury St. Grafton, MA 01519	Member	2014

Management and Maintenance of all Housing Authority programs and properties is administered by the Executive Director and approved by the Board of Commissioners. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Applications for housing are available at the Housing Authority Office located at 10 Maxwell Drive or will be mailed upon request.

Special thanks to the Grafton Fire Department and the Grafton Police Department for their excellent service, prompt response and particularly for their assistance to this office in making the Grafton Housing Authority a safer place to live

The office is located at 10 Maxwell Drive in North Grafton. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applications for housing are available at the Housing Authority office or will be mailed upon request. Telephone (508) 839-6089.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha D. Woodin  
Executive Director

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

The Information Technology (IT) Committee was formally commissioned during the first committee meeting on December 18, 2006. The mission of the Committee is to advise the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen and the Town on all aspects of information technology and to lead the Town in proactively developing and implementing an information technology strategy.

The Committee charter sought five full time members. The initial search culminated with five appointed members. As of this report, one member has departed, and one new member has joined. The other four members have been active since the Committee's inception. The Committee aims to meet monthly, and on an as needed basis.

The following lists the current appointed and active members:

Jon Bartelson  
Robert Hassinger  
William (Bill) F. Jones, Jr.  
David Robbins  
Robert Carroll

### Priorities

The committee established the following priorities for fiscal year 2010 with guidance received from the Town Administrator:

1. Evaluate, select, and engage an information technology support contractor to address the Town's municipal technology support needs on a part time basis
2. Provide advisory support and guidance in the selection, planning, and implementation of a new suite of the Town's Financial Applications
3. Propose opportunities for improving town computing strategy and infrastructure
4. Develop a five year IT strategic plan
5. Provide ad hoc technology based guidance and consultation as requested

### Accomplishments:

- Assessment of the critical computing needs to ensure the Town is in compliance and has adequate back-up and recovery capabilities for the computing systems was completed with recommendations made.
- Supported the renewal of a contract to provide the municipal offices a technology support provider with a formal request for proposal through to a formal as-



essment and selection.

- Several improvement opportunities were identified and are being actively pursued by the town, including specific software upgrades, software licensing updates, hardware investments, virus software, data backups, and other critical processes necessary to provide reliable information technology for the Town.
- A draft has been completed of the five-year information technology strategy. This strategy contains new technology that could result in significant savings, reduced risk and support cost. Proof of concept testing is underway, with a completion goal of late Spring 2010.
- Throughout the last year, the committee provided the Town Administrator and other municipal departments with specific advice and guidance when requested. In some circumstances, the committee has provided pro bono services to the town.

#### Active initiatives:

- The Committee is actively working with the Town Administrator on plans, strategies and proposals for strengthening the quality and overall sustainability of the Town of Grafton's information technology investments.
- Establish lines of communication with the School Dept. and provide support to the planning and identification of investments necessary with the proposed high school
- Identify potential cost savings or service level improvements by leveraging services across both the school and municipal functions

These incentives should include the following deliverables:

- Incorporate all Town departments investments needs for technology in all future tactical and strategic spending
- Finalize the plan for future investments

Respectfully Submitted,

The Information Technology Committee

Robert Carroll, Chair

Jon Bartelson, Vice-Chair

David Robbins, Clerk

William F. Jones, Jr., Member

Robert Hassinger, Member

## **HENRY J. MCNAMARA JR. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

The Henry J. McNamara Jr. Memorial Committee submits its report for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 in which one scholarship was awarded to Jessica Rosa.

Respectfully submitted

Russell L. Messier, Chair.

Janice Messier

Paula Benoit

Margaret McNamara

Lorraine Murphy

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board meets regularly on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. In addition to 25 regular meetings, the Board held 1 special meeting, 1 workshop, and 1 executive session, totaling 28 meetings for the year. At the May 2009 election Bruce W. Spinney III and Robert Hassinger were elected to three year terms. Two sitting Board members resigned before their terms ended: Christophe Courchesne and Keith Regan. The Board wishes to thank both for their service to the Town. As a result, a number of appointments were made: Stephen Qualey was appointed Associate Member and then as a Member to fill the remainder of Mr. Courchesne's seat; Heath Christensen was appointed to fill the remainder of Mr. Reagan's term; and Sadie Miller was appointed as the new Associate Member. During re-organization after the May election, Bruce W. Spinney III was chosen by the Board to serve as Chairman, with Robert Hassinger serving as Vice-Chairman and Peter Parsons as Clerk.

In 2009, permit/application review activity remained busy for the Planning Board. The following is a summary by application type:

Special Permits ( <i>new</i> )	10
Special Permits ( <i>modification of previous approval</i> )	1
Definitive Subdivision Plans ( <i>new</i> )	0
Definitive Subdivision Plans ( <i>mod. of previous approval</i> )	7
Definitive Subdivision Plans ( <i>default</i> )	4
Definitive Subdivision Plans ( <i>rescinded</i> )	0
Site Plan Review ( <i>not associated with Special Permit</i> )	2
Approval Not Required Plans	9
Scenic Road Permits	0
Determination of Completeness for Subdivision	3
Project Plan Review (Tufts)	1

Of the 10 Special Permit applications reviewed, 7 were approved, and 3 were denied. Special Permits were granted for the following new projects: new pump house for the South



Grafton Water District (SGWD); dimensional relief for sign, SGWD; dimensional relief for three (3) signs, Grafton Land Trust; accessory apartment for security guard(1); accessory professional office (message therapy); detached two-family dwelling; and co-location of cellular service antennae. Three (3) Special Permit applications were denied: detached two-family dwelling (1); two (2) 7200 sf commercial buildings; and a common driveway (1).

The Planning Board gave final approval to the 29 lot “Brigham Hill Estates” subdivision and denied the 2 lot “Hanna Drive” subdivision. The Board reviewed and approved a total of 7 applications for modifications of previously granted definitive plan approvals. One (1) subdivision, “Harding Acres” was issued a Determination of Completeness and three (3) subdivisions, “Mazza Farms”, “Harding Acres”, and Coach House and Chiswell Roads within the “Glenwood Estates II” subdivision were accepted as public ways.

A total of 9 Approval Not Required Plans were submitted to and reviewed by the Board in 2009, all of which were endorsed.

Two Site Plan applications were submitted and approved: a family day care and a restaurant at the intersection of Providence and Milford Roads.

The Board approved a new Large Animal Isolation Ward for the Tufts campus under Project Plan Review.

Additionally, the Planning Board found three (3) subdivisions in default of their performance guarantees: “Cortland Manor”, “The Woods at Stonegate”, and “Oakmont Farms”. The Board is working with the insurance companies to complete these subdivisions in accordance with the approved plans. “Magnolia Farms”, found in default in 2007 is substantially complete.

Throughout 2009, the Planning Board continued to work on various short- and long-range planning projects with the Planning staff and other departments, boards and committees. Projects included:

- On-going monitoring of implementation of the Grafton Comprehensive Plan;
- Working with the Economic Development Commission on a marketing brochure for the Town;
- Completed a digital zoning map compatible with the Town’s GIS which was adopted by the Town in 2009;
- The Board and Staff worked on the implementation of the South Grafton Villages Master Plan. A consultant, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB), was selected to work with the South Grafton Streetscape Committee during 2009 to develop a streetscape and public park design for

the Fisherville and Farnumsville mill villages. In addition, the Committee worked on draft language for a new, “mixed – use” zoning district.

- During 2009, the Planning staff continued to provide support to the Affordable Housing Trust with the implementation of the 2006 Affordable Housing Plan with funds provided by the Community Preservation Committee.
- Work continued to secure a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency for the continued environmental clean-up of the Fisherville Mill site. The Town was awarded a \$1.2 million grant as a result of those efforts.
- The Planning Department staff worked with other members of the Municipal Center staff and the Town Administrator to develop a new web site for the town including site design, content standards, policies and general operational procedures.
- The Planning Board made significant amendments to the Subdivision Rules & Regulations to place more emphasis on thoughtful subdivision design as well as to update the fee schedule to better reflect the actual cost to review applications.

The Planning Board encourages use of the Planning Department website at [www.town.grafton.ma.us](http://www.town.grafton.ma.us) to view and download many of the plans detailed above, as well as other useful information.

At the end of the 2009, it appears development review, and review and recommendation on Zoning Bylaw and Subdivision Rules and Regulations will require the majority of the Board’s agenda time during the beginning of the upcoming year, similar to recent years. The Board will continue to focus on short- and long-term planning efforts that address development issues and concerns facing Grafton, with specific attention to the implementation of the South Grafton Villages Master Plan and the opportunities to update the Comprehensive Plan.

#### **PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$1000.00 PLANNING BOARD –Calendar Year 2008**

<b>Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission</b>	<b>\$3,588.26</b>
<b>Applied Geographics, Inc.</b>	<b>\$4,961.00</b>
<b>Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc</b>	<b>\$65,367.46</b>
<b>Justice Hill Reporting</b>	<b>\$1,213.80</b>

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Grafton Police Department is a full service agency comprised of officers and staff who take pride in their department and are dedicated to ensuring the safety, security and high quality of life that Grafton residents expect and deserve.

The philosophy of the Grafton Police Department is that of preventing crime and being proactive while maintaining a high quality of life in this community. We believe in the Community Oriented Policing approach in dealing with the many problems we face each day. Community Policing is a philosophy of becoming involved with the people we serve and working together as a team to solve the problems that lead to crime.

We are a progressive department with the main objective in making the Town of Grafton a place where people would like to locate and bring up their families. Working together with citizens, businesses, schools and civic organizations, the Grafton Police Department is Building Partnerships for a Safer Community.

We offer the following services and programs to the Town residents:

- Crime Prevention Program-Safety tips offered by Officer Michael Rybak.
- Speed Trailer for visual speed enforcement.
- Operation Well-Being - seniors and shut-ins are called daily to make sure they are "OK."
- Free gunlocks are made available as a result of a grant through Project Child Safe.
- Daily house checks for residents who are away from home.
- 911 Pre-programmed cell phones provided to victims of abuse to summon police immediately if they need assistance.
- Chief's Column published weekly in the Grafton News to answer citizen's questions and to provide crime prevention and safety information.

The department hosts a Citizen Police Academy utilizing Community Policing funds.

The Citizen Police Academy is an educational program designed to provide the public with a working knowledge of the Grafton Police Department's personnel, policies, and practices. The Citizen Police Academy was developed with the belief that education is the key to understanding and with understanding comes a more open line of communication.

The training program is a series of ten classes held once each week for three hours. It consists of classroom and hands

on instruction with each session facilitated by sworn officers of the Grafton Police Department. Topics covered include Grafton Police Department history, Police Communications, Criminal Investigations, Domestic Violence, Narcotics Investigations, Defensive Tactics, Firearms Training and more. Instruction also includes facility tours and the opportunity to participate in the patrol "ride-along" program.

Fourth grade students from the Grafton Elementary School participated in the "Stop, Look and Listen" railroad safety program taught by Officer Robert Collette.

Det. William Kuck presented the "Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program" to the fourth grade classes at the Grafton Elementary School. This program is an early intervention gun safety program telling children what to do if they find a firearm. The program stresses that if any child finds a firearm, they should "STOP, do not touch, find a responsible, trusting adult."

Sgt. John Harrington, the department's Elderly Affairs Officer, works closely with the Council on Aging, maintaining office hours at the Senior Center so he may speak with elderly residents on issues concerning fraud, crime prevention and personal safety. The Grafton Police Department also participates in the TRIAD program with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and other area departments to improve its resources for providing elderly assistance.

Officers Daniel Wenc, James Crosby and Liam O'Rourke, the department's certified Child Passenger Safety (CPS) technicians, conduct CPS inspections and provide information to residents to ensure that car seats are properly installed in their motor vehicles. The officers will replace car seats that have been recalled or deemed unsafe with new car seats provided through a grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security – Highway Safety Division. The department used grant funding to purchase over 100 car seats and a utility trailer to transport them to safety check points. The CPS technicians inspected approximately 47 car seats and distributed 9 replacement seats at no cost to residents in 2009.

On Tuesday, August 4th, the Town of Grafton joined over 10,000 communities from all 50 states and U.S. territories in celebrating National Night Out (NNO), an event promoted by the National Association of Town Watch.

A National Night Out Block Party was held near the Grafton Police Station from 5:00-8:00 p.m. It is estimated that over one thousand citizens attended the event and all had a great time. More importantly, residents had an opportunity to meet police officers and other Town officials in a relaxed setting and were able to speak with them about crime prevention, drug awareness, fraud, personal safety, elderly concerns and other quality of life issues.

Charter Communications provided DigiKids child identification kits. Free gunlocks were made available by Project Child Safe and over one hundred children received free bicycle helmets made possible through Target and a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau. Free pizza, hot dogs and other refreshments were also provided for those who attended. We are looking forward to an even bigger event in 2010.

The police department continues its community policing initiatives by conducting outreach programs such as the Citizen Police Academy, crime prevention classes, self defense classes and neighborhood watch meetings. We have hosted a number of classes for outside agencies including the Municipal Police Institute, MA Emergency Management and the MA Interlocal Insurance Agency. In doing so, we have been able to benefit by acquiring free training for department members.

We would also like to thank the Grafton Suburban Credit Union for their donation of a 2009 Harley Davidson motor cycle. The motorcycle is used for patrol and traffic enforcement as well as for other community related events.

#### **Personnel Training:**

In-Service training was held for all full-time officers at the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) – Boylston Academy. Training topics included; Cyber Crimes, Motor Vehicle Legal Update, Defensive Tactics (Hand Gun Retention, Edged Weapons Defense, Take Down and Hand Cuffing Procedures), First Responder/CPR/AED Update and Recertification, Dangerousness Assessment & Strangulation, and Ethics/Stress & Suicide Prevention. Special in-service training was also held for all supervisors.

#### **Additional Training Included:**

All officers received in-house annual firearms training to include pistol, shotgun and patrol rifle qualifications. All officers also completed Active Shooter in the Schools training which was conducted by Sergeant Neil Minardi who is MPTC certified.

Officers and dispatchers also attended training in the following areas; Child Interview & Interrogation, Inside the Mind of a Teen Killer, Stopping the School Shooter, Field Training Officer, Drugs and Gangs, Motor Officer Recertification Training, Criminal Investigation, Under Age Drinking Prevention, Search Warrant Training, Elderly Driver Enforcement Training, Reaching Deep Down, Ethics, Sexual Harassment, Dealing With Difficult People, Missing Children Call-Taker Responsibilities, Detective Training Updates, Gang Seminar, Advance Search Warrants, Pharmaceutical Drug Identification and Investigation, Lidar Radar Certification, Taser Recertification, Motor Cycle Operator Certifica-

tion, Radar Certification, SWAT Training, Gangs & Streetology, Distance Learning Training, Blood borne Pathogen Prevention, MIIA Leadership Conference, Grant Writing, NENEOA Conference, Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs Identification & Investigation, Human Resources/FLSA for Chiefs, Internal Affairs for Chiefs, Risk Management and Tactical Operations for Supervisors.

The Grafton Police Department in cooperation with the Municipal Police Institute continues to host training for officers throughout Massachusetts. Training is held in the Grafton Police Department's training room. Through this cooperative effort, Grafton officers are able to attend numerous training events at **no cost**.

#### **Personnel Changes:**

Betty-Jo Gagnon resigned from her position as dispatcher with the Grafton Police Department after ten years of service. We wish her well in her future endeavors. Cynthia Mercier was hired as full time dispatcher in August. Cynthia previously served as a dispatcher for the Millville Police Department.

#### **Grants Received:**

Due to state budget cuts, the Grafton Police Department did not receive any Community Policing funds. We are therefore exploring alternative funding sources to maintain programs such as the Citizen Police Academy, the Elderly Affairs Officer and continuation of the D.A.R.E program.

The department did receive a grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) – State 911 Department in the amount of \$27,532.00. The funds were utilized to help defray dispatch personnel/overtime costs and purchase equipment to enhance the capabilities of the police department's communication center.

We also received a grant from the EOPSS Highway Safety Division. The latest grant in the amount of \$11,400.00 was utilized for traffic enforcement equipment and specialized mobilizations that included the "Click It or Ticket" and "You Drink. You Drive. You Lose." campaigns.

The Grafton Police Department was awarded \$5000.00 in grant funding as part of the 2009 Underage Alcohol Enforcement Grant Program from EOPSS. This program provided overtime funds for enforcement of underage alcohol laws through activities such as compliance checks, reverse stings, party patrols, surveillance patrols and cops in shops.

**Activities for the Year 2009:**

Total Calls for Service	13,667
Total Incidents Investigated	479
Total Arrests	271
Summons Arrests	161
Lock-ups	99
Protective Custody	11
Total 911 Calls Received	3405
Total Accidents Reported	332
Total Accidents Investigated	167
Accidents with Injuries	32
Fatal Accidents	1
Pedestrian Accidents	3
Hit and Run Accidents	27
Motor Vehicle Citations	2339
Summons Service	117
209-A Served	117
Burglar / Bank Alarms	517
Motor Vehicle Thefts	7
Identity Theft / Fraud	24

**Among the 271 arrests made in 2009 were:**

Aggravated Assault	8
Simple Assault	28
Breaking and Entering	9
Driving While Intoxicated	23
Larceny Over \$250.00	6
Trespassing	5
Destruction of Property	16
Disorderly Conduct	11
Drug / Narcotics Offenses	8
Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Liquor Law Violation	6
Shoplifting	6

**Expense payments in excess of \$1000.00  
July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009**

M.D. Stetson Company, Inc.	\$ 1,052.39
Motorola	\$ 1,152.00
Cogswell Sprinkler Co., Inc.	\$ 1,188.00
Commonwealth Police Service	\$ 1,385.00
Staples	\$ 1,401.05
Integration Partners Corp.	\$ 1,402.00
AAA Police Supply	\$ 1,464.00
Xerox	\$ 1,533.95
Ken Jones, Inc.	\$ 1,540.76
Trippi's Uniform Company	\$ 1,572.50
Bob's Auto Supply Co.	\$ 1,703.94
MDI Worldwide	\$ 1,874.20
Normand A. Crepeau, Jr.	\$ 1,952.39
Biermann Services, Inc.	\$ 2,229.84

Pete's Tire Barn	\$ 2,456.46
Telreco, Inc.	\$ 2,704.00
Milton C. Walsh & Associates	\$ 2,835.00
Airport Trailer Sales	\$ 3,254.00
Symbolarts	\$ 3,495.00
Blckstn Valley Drug Task Force	\$ 3,500.00
Raps Auto Parts Supply, Inc.	\$ 3,602.00
Worcester Elevator	\$ 4,013.00
NEXTEL	\$ 4,458.60
Renaud HVAC & Controls, Inc.	\$ 4,524.50
NSTAR-Gas	\$ 4,940.38
Commonwealth of MA	\$ 5,450.00
Target	\$ 6,998.99
National Grid	\$ 9,184.68
Information Management Inc.	\$ 9,975.00
Verizon	\$10,807.52
Shrewsbury Youth & Family Serv.	\$11,721.09
Peterson Oil Service, Inc.	\$32,310.00
MHQ Municipal Headquarters	\$43,421.54
Global Montello Petroleum Corp.	\$47,906.79
Municipal Police Institute	\$53,879.27

**Police Wages in Excess of \$1000.00  
July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009**

James Barth	\$59,636.26
Mark Benoit	\$58,298.17
Robert Collette	\$63,110.75
Normand A. Crepeau, Jr.	\$87,344.00
James Crosby	\$65,157.50
Marianne DeVries	\$59,455.04
Thomas Farrell	\$55,992.48
Betty -Jo Gagnon	\$48,085.26
John Harrington	\$70,617.70
James Huchowski	\$65,321.28
Alvin Hulbert	\$58,016.64
John Jacques	\$40,828.16
William Kuck	\$62,363.81
Dawn Legassey	\$36,137.95
Michael Mazzola	\$71,645.07
Gary Messenger	\$48,308.55
Neil Minardi	\$63,993.25
Liam O'Rourke	\$59,002.91
John Ropiak	\$58,471.70
Michael Rybak	\$55,263.86
Michael Swift	\$59,398.47
I J. Sztuba	\$14,090.26
Wayne Tripp	\$72,486.79
Daniel Ward	\$21,781.36
Daniel Wenc	\$57,213.67



**Outside Detail Paid Through the Revolving  
Account in excess of \$1000.00  
July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009**

Vincent J. Angelico	\$ 6,116.42
James Barth	\$18,650.45
Mark R. Benoit	\$18,709.85
Jeremy J. Blood	\$ 2,910.03
Ronald E. Bowness	\$ 1,232.39
Robert E. Collette	\$30,462.65
James C. Crosby	\$18,453.73
Robert J. Dana	\$14,815.34
Thomas J. Farrell	\$11,143.09
Peter D. Greeno	\$ 1,594.11
George H. Hamm	\$ 3,383.30
John C. Harrington	\$38,617.63
Shawn Heney	\$ 1,298.33
Alvin Hulbert	\$26,210.59
William G. Kuck	\$ 2,514.64
Matthew W. Leonard	\$ 1,162.54
Michael Mazzola	\$ 1,474.48
Russell Messier	\$ 1,014.62
Francis M. Metivier	\$10,647.64
Thomas Michniewicz	\$31,398.20
Neil Minardi	\$ 6,141.21
Joshua Nadeau	\$ 1,432.66
James M. O'Brien	\$ 4,901.29
Liam O'Rourke	\$23,272.73
Glen Parker	\$ 2,161.91
John Ropiak	\$36,506.01
Michael Rybak	\$17,581.93
Michael R. Swift	\$16,340.23
John Taylor	\$ 2,953.98
Wayne D. Tripp	\$ 6,065.87
Daniel Wenc	\$ 6,911.56
William E. Wilkinson	\$ 1,640.58
Mark Wojnar	\$15,132.53

**Community Policing Grant Payments in  
excess of \$1000.00  
July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009**

John C. Harrington	\$ 2,077.40
William G. Kuck	\$ 1,250.33
Wayne Tripp	\$ 1,644.26

**Governor's Highway Safety Grant Payments  
in excess of \$1000.00  
July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009**

Mark Benoit	\$ 2,206.14
James Crosby	\$ 1,177.96
John Ropiak	\$ 3,125.64
Michael Swift	\$ 1,180.96

**Under 21 Alcohol Grant Payments in excess  
of \$1000.00  
July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009**

John Ropiak	\$ 1,029.64
Michael Swift	\$ 1,176.50

**Board of Higher Education Payments in excess of \$1000.00  
July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009**

Mark Benoit	\$10,345.87
Robert E. Collette, Jr.	\$13,137.44
Normand A. Crepeau, Jr.	\$21,836.00
James C. Crosby	\$ 5,357.12
John C. Harrington	\$14,998.96
Michael Mazzola	\$14,998.96
Neil Minardi	\$ 6,807.69
Liam O'Rourke	\$12,707.34
Michael Rybak	\$10,334.64
Michael Swift	\$12,929.46
Wayne D. Tripp	\$13,664.98
Daniel M. Wenc	\$10,334.54

**Receipts (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)**

Outside Detail Admin. Fees	\$23,603.00
RMV Receipts	\$12,844.00
Firearms Permits	\$ 3,275.00
Parking Fines	\$ 1,733.00
Incident/Accident Reports	\$ 1,673.50

**GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Programs and Services**

2009 was a challenging year for the Grafton Public Library. Four unfilled positions made continued operation of three locations untenable. Consequently the year began with implementation of the decision, reluctantly made, to close the two branch libraries in January 2009. Faced with the likelihood of reduced resources the decision, made after a careful weighing of alternatives, was that, centralizing services was the best way to serve the town effectively and efficiently. The year just past has served to demonstrate the wisdom of that decision.

In January and February the collections of both branches were evaluated. The newest, most used and more recent elements of the collection were re-cataloged and relocated to the Grafton Public Library. Most items, however, were either duplicates of material already in the Grafton Public Library collections or older titles for which more recent equally relevant material was already available. At the completion of this process school libraries in each Grafton school were offered their pick of any remaining titles. The residual collection at the North Grafton Branch was left at the request of the Nelson



Memorial Trustees for their use and that at South Grafton was donated to GotBOOKS for redistribution to worthy organizations and to Harvard University for use in a disaster recovery training workshop. Collection consolidation reduced the size of the library's collections from 61,729 to 40,467. The impact on circulation was the reverse of what one might have expected.

Although dramatically reduced in size, the library's collections circulated more than ever. In 2009, Grafton Public Library circulation topped the 100,000 mark for the first time, continuing the upward trend that began in the second half of 2007. Collection usage (initial checkouts + renewals increased 3.4%, from 99,886 to 103,267. By comparison usage was 99,886 in 2008.

Grafton Public Library offered 149 programs that were attended by 2,200, increases of 18 and 11 respectively. Bad weather for one outdoor program reduced attendance by over two hundred, or attendance would have climbed by more than ten percent. An evening bedtime story time session was added to replace a Saturday afternoon story time that was discontinued. Sixteen programs for adults drew 428 and 133 programs for children and young adults drew 1,792. "Pawing to READ" continued its success. Each six week session was completely filled weeks in advance, and, in all, thirty two children enjoyed 240 successful reading experiences.

In 2009 the Grafton Public Library website ([www.grafton-library.org](http://www.grafton-library.org)) was revised to include more information relevant to the needs of patrons. Chief among these is a new page with an expanded collection of links to useful and informative websites. Also included was more information about the library and its policies. It was also updated to reflect the consolidation to one location.

## Personnel

There was no turnover of regular staff at the library in 2009. The only staffing changes were the coming and departure of three BiblioTemps, temporary library staff hired through the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System (CMRLS) to assist the consolidation of services following the closing of branches. Their service, while brief, was essential to a successful transition.

## Volunteers

Volunteers are an important resource for the Library. Time contributed by volunteers makes possible the library's delivery to homebound patrons as well as innumerable mundane and routine tasks, freeing regular staff to focus on public service responsibilities. Four National Honor Society students from Grafton High School, a middle school student and one community service volunteer assisted the library by performing a variety of tasks, such as, shelving, shelf reading and filing. Their efforts freed regular staff to spend more time assisting the public. The Library's Home Delivery service

would not be possible without the assistance of the three volunteers who, on a rotating basis, pick up and drop off materials for residents who can not get to the library.

The Friends of the Grafton Public Libraries who work to make the Down Under Book Store so successful should also be recognized. Eleven volunteers faithfully contributed 240 hours of time to sort and organize the stock make it all possible, and we are in their debt. Their service enables the Friends to provide virtually all Grafton Public Library's museum passes circulated to Grafton residents. It also provides significant support for programs for children and adults.

## Grants

Grafton public Library received \$21,104.25 from Mass. Board of Library Commissioners' grants under the state aid to libraries programs in 2008. Two grants from the Grafton Community Preservation Committee were received as well. The first, for \$7,500, funded a feasibility study of improvement of library accessibility. The second funded, for \$172,000 will fund implementation of the proposal for a ramp that resulted from the feasibility study.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hilding Hedberg, director

## Circulation and Registration Statistics

	2009	2008	Change%	Change
<b>Borrowers Registered</b>	<b>7,380</b>	<b>6,646</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Collection size</b>	<b>40,467</b>	<b>61,729</b>	<b>-21,262</b>	<b>-34%</b>
<b>Circulation</b>	<b>103,267</b>	<b>99,886</b>	<b>3381</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Circulation / item</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>		
<b>Circulation / patron</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>		

## Circulation Activity at Grafton Public Library (Jan 09-Dec 09)

	Adult	Young Adult	Children	Total
books	27,888	3,332	37,760	68,980
periodicals	2,860	87	147	3,094
audio	5,899	125	597	6,621
video	8,350	34	5,793	14,177
electronic formats	40	1	88	129
misc.	942	56	30	1,028
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,979</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>44,415</b>	<b>94,029*</b>

\* Does not include 9,238 patron initiated online renewals

## Borrowing by Grafton Patrons (by ZIP Code)

ZIPcode, 0+---	CHKOUTS	CHKINS	RENEWALS	PERCENT	Tot. Circ*
1519	37341	38226	2742	43%	40083
1536	25494	25819	1660	29%	27154
1560	<u>16416</u>	<u>16919</u>	<u>1691</u>	<u>19%</u>	<u>18107</u>
<b>Grafton Totals</b>	<b>79251</b>	<b>80964</b>	<b>6093</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>85344</b>
<b>Non- Resident totals</b>	8179	8490	506	9%	8685
<b>All ZIPcodes</b>	87430	89454	6599	100%	94029

\* Does not include 9,238 patron initiated online renewals

## BOARD OF PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The Trustees continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month at the Municipal Center, Room B. Mr. Hilding Hedberg has completed his 7th year as director.

Actions taken this year include:

1. Incorporation of branch library services into operations at Grafton Public Library.
2. Completed review, analysis, consolidation and extensive weeding of entire collection of library.
3. Completed accessibility feasibility study which was funded by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC).
4. Received funding from the CPC and approval at the October town meeting to improve accessibility at the library with the design and construction of a ramp to the main floor and a unisex handicap accessible toilet.
5. Continued successful efforts to develop the young adult collection and tailor programs to encourage young adult patronage through The Young Adult Council.

Ongoing actions:

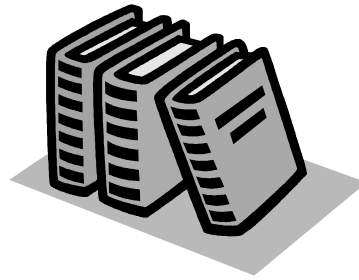
1. Operation of the Library.
2. Maintenance of the building and grounds of the Library.
3. Development of long-term solutions to make the library accessible.
4. Skanska, USA continues as the OPM (Owner's Project Manager) to oversee the development of a plan to expand/build a new library facility.

### Board Members

Dana Wilson, Chair (elected 2004)  
William Armstrong (appointed 2009)  
Diane Libbey (elected 1979)  
Judy Meichelbeck (appointed 2007, elected 2008)  
Henry Poler (elected 2004)  
Tina Rooney (resigned 2009)  
Charles Villee (appointed 2009)  
Holly Walton (elected 2009)

- Marilyn Atchue, Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,  
Dana M. Wilson, Chair



## NELSON MEMORIAL PARK & LIBRARY

Town Administrator  
Municipal Center  
Grafton, Ma 01519

Report of the Fiscal year 2009 by the Trustees of Nelson Memorial Park & Library.

When the Grafton Library Trustees decided to close the South Grafton Branch and Nelson Memorial Library as of December 31, 2008, the Trustees were approached by a dedicated group of volunteers which came to be known as The Friends of Nelson Library. They brought with them an idea for keeping the Nelson Library open using volunteers; to staff the library, all they needed was approval by the Town Administration. The Trustees approached the Town Administrator, Tim McInerney, and with his approval Nelson Memorial Library was allowed to remain open until the end of the fiscal year in June. Thus the hard work began, the Center Library left behind books that they had duplicates of, and we solicited donations of books from the Townspeople of Grafton. Much to our delight donations came pouring in and soon we were able to stock the shelves and on March 17th, the Friends of Nelson Library opened the first all volunteer run library. The Library is open Tuesday and Thursday from 1 – 7PM and Saturdays from 11AM – 2 PM.

Every month there is story and craft hour for the little ones. New volunteers are coming in to sign up to donate any spare hours they have. Each of our volunteers has been CORY checked through the Town. Anyone who would like to volunteer can stop by the Nelson Library and we will gladly sign you up.

With the close of the fiscal year 2008, the Trustees approached the Town with its Budget request and crossed our fingers hoping the Town would fund our efforts. The Towns People of Grafton responded passing our budget and the Friends of Nelson Library have continued working to keep Nelson Library open. Book donations are still coming in and are greatly appreciated.

With the donation of the Field House by the Grafton Girls

Softball Association, and the Woman's Softball league, Nelson Park usage has continued to grow. Numerous softball tournaments were held throughout the spring and summer months. Flag football, lacrosse and cricket leagues are amongst the groups using the park. Hardly a weekend goes by when the Park is not in use.

A big "Thank You" to our Maintenance crew, they do an excellent job maintaining the grounds of Nelson Park and we continue to get compliments on what great shape the fields are in. Our janitor does a great job of keeping the inside of the Library clean and neat.

The Community Meeting Room has also been in demand. We have had Birthday Parties, club meetings and even informational seminars were held. The room is available for usage by the Townspeople of Grafton, just call and we will check on availability.

The Board of Trustees wants to thank Town Administrator, Tim McInerney for allowing the Friends of Nelson Library to continue operating our Library, It was a gamble but it certainly has paid off.

Respectfully submitted  
William Kuck, Roger Currier, Catherine Fenton  
Trustees

## **REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

The Department of Public works comprised of Administration, Engineering, Highway; Parks & Cemetery, Fleet Maintenance, Sanitation, Street lighting and Facilities (Interim oversight)

The Public Works Department is responsible for all endeavors relating to planning, designing, operating, maintaining, and managing public ways, shade trees, fleet maintenance, sanitation, snow and ice operations, street lighting and facilities. The Department also provides motor equipment maintenance services to all Town Departments except for the Fire Department and limited maintenance and repair for town owned facilities. The goal of the Department is to provide cost effective and efficient services to the residents of the Town with commensurate budget levels, and to maintain compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

### **Engineering Department**

The Engineering Department is responsible for the planning, design, cost estimating, permitting, bid preparation, and construction oversight of all public roads, sidewalks, bridges,

culverts, and storm water infrastructure projects. The Department continued to provide project management and engineering services to the Department of Public Works.

The Department provided a wide range of professional engineering services in the form of plan reviews on various project for the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Town Committees.

Major initiatives in 2009 included:

Provided engineering and construction inspection services for several Town infrastructure projects throughout the year which included:

Roadway drainage improvements, reclamation and paving of Brigham Hill Road and Virginia Circle. Project management for the construction of Riverview Park with completion expected in the Spring of 2010.

Work is ongoing on the design for North Street reconstruction from the Mass Pike to Wesson Road, the Lake Ripple Dam Project and the Lake Ripple Dam Project.

Provided GIS related public record information to the general public.

Provided final inspection for Chiswell Drive, Coach House Road and Brendan Drive for acceptance at Town Meeting.

Provided cost estimates for the five year capital budget planning pertaining to DPW infrastructure projects.

The Department continued to work on maintaining compliance to the NPDES Phase II Storm water permit requirements. Goals for this year were the development of new bylaws and regulations governing stormwater, illicit discharges and mapping and inspection of all drainage outfalls in Town.

### **Highway Department**

The Highway Department is responsible for the maintenance of Town roads, sidewalks, storm drainage systems, public shade trees, road signage, fleet maintenance, permitting and snow and ice operations. The Highway Department also responds to other emergency and non-emergency situations as needed.

Major initiatives in 2009 included:

The Division maintained 100 miles of roadway including but not limited to pavement repairs, catch basin repairs and

cleaning, storm drain installations and repairs street sweeping, street and regulatory signage installation & replacement and snow and ice control.

The Town of Grafton was once again was named a “Tree City” for 2008. This marks the ninth consecutive year that the Town has received the designation and highlights the Town’s commitment to urban forestry.

Performed maintenance on DPW, Police and other municipal fleet vehicles and equipment.

Assisted the Recreation Department with the installation and removal of the docks at Silver Lake in addition to other projects at that location.

Continued with oversight of the recycling center at the DPW garage and at the Town’s brush dump.

We were able to service and clean out 2300 catch basin town wide with our own equipment assisted by a hired contractor.

Applied approximately 5,000 gallons of crack sealing for pavement preservation on:  
Snow Road, Tracey Ann Drive, Greany Drive, Sean Mikeal Way, Oak Ridge Lane, Blanchard Road, Patricia Drive, Alana Drive, Danielle Drive, Laura Lane, Christopher Drive, Bailin Circle and Lottie Drive.

Repaired a total of eighteen catch basins and performed drainage repairs on George Hill Road, Fay Mountain Road, Perry Street, the Town Common, Waterville Street, Route 30 at Willard Street and Wendall Street.

During 2009 the Department serviced and filled 3,149 pot-holes throughout the Town.

The Town’s contractor removed 14 hazard trees from various locations, the Town’s crews removed 19 trees and 28 stumps were ground..

Maintained all traffic pavement marking on Town roads which included pavement centerline and edge lines, cross-walks, stop and school zone markings.

Repaired and replaced 25 street signs and 15 Stop signs that were vandalized or otherwise damaged. The street signs are now produced in-house.

The Department has provided mowing services for the Municipal Center, Police Station and other Town owned locations such as the inner circle islands of cul-de-sacs in some subdivisions. Also, cleared brush around retention ponds and road-sides.

## Highway Department Mowing Site Locations

One Grafton Common	Worcester Street Annex
Bicknell Road	Brian Circle
Carroll Road	Cedar Hill Road
Centennial Drive/ParkEkblaw Landing	Elmwood Street
Esek’s Circle	Gersham Drive
Maplewood Avenue	Merriam Road at North Street
Millbury Street near school	North Main Street
Millbury Street	Pigeon Hill
North Street and Old Westborough Road	Oak Ridge
Pleasant Street (both ends)	Police Stations (old and new)
Route 30 across from T Station	Route 140 at Bridge Street
Route 30 and Route 140	Robin Drive
Sean Mikeal Way	South Grafton Community Center
Southfield Court	Stow Road at George Hill Road
Municipal Center	Indian Path
Worcester Street at Welcome Sign	Poplar Street
Hollywood Drive	Keith Hill/ Old Upton Road

Continued with the sale of composting bins to the residents. We were able to offer this item to the residents through the favorable prices from the State contract.

In addition, provided assistance to other departments, boards and committees with the bidding and contract process.

The Department provided miscellaneous other services and assisted other Departments and community groups with their activities.

## Parks and Cemetery Division

Major work was completed in the parks this year. Tree trimming was done in Riverside and Pinegrove Cemeteries. All parks were dethatched and aerated. The Common, Airport Park and Norcross Park were fertilized. Two Memorial benches were installed at Pine Grove Cemetery.

Ferry Street Ball Field has had ongoing problems with water runoff. Third base and the infield were being constantly repaired during the last season. Bleachers at the park were repaired and welded.

The Parks and Town Common had issues with vandalism requiring multiple repairs to electrical boxes, railings and posts. Graffiti and the dumping of household trash continues to be ongoing problems. Please remember that dogs in Town parks need to be leashed and their poop needs to be scooped and properly disposed by pet owners.

Continued work with the Veteran’s Agent to mark veteran’s stones with flags for Memorial Day and plant flowers at the monuments.



The super park located next to the old Police station required on going repairs to remain open.

At Riverside Cemetery fences were replaced and painted. Hemlocks were thinned because of infection by Alfred Walley Aphids.

#### Burials services performed in 2008

Fairview	37
Riverview	18
Pine Grove	25
Total	80

### Sanitation Division

The Sanitation Division is responsible for managing curbside collection of solid waste, bulk items, recycling.

Prepared the Recycling Calendar informational pamphlet and mailed to all residential households.

The Town of Grafton implemented Pay As You Throw, (PAYT) on July 1, 2009.

This program was executed to cover a shortfall in the FY10 budget and to increase recycling efforts in the community. The official PAYT bags come in rolls of five in two sizes, 15 gallon and 33 gallon. They are sold at local retail markets throughout the area.

The last week in June 2009, The Town of Grafton disposed of 137 tons of solid waste. The first week of PAYT the tonnage decreased to 55 tons. This equates to an 82 ton decrease in solid waste disposal that gave immediate results, affecting the cost of our disposal the first week of the program.

PAYT has resulted in an average of 40 percent increase in recycling rates and a 46 percent decrease in solid waste disposal.

Compliance of the program has statistically been above 99 percent. Non compliancy issues have been handled on a case by case basis, generally relating to rental properties or foreclosures.

The Town set into practice a subsidized bag policy operated through the Grafton Senior Center for residents who meet the low income qualifications.

### Facilities Division (Interim oversight)

The Facilities Division in the interim is administered through the DPW administration and it is responsible for providing oversight assistance to all non-school municipal buildings until the Town determines the direction it wants to follow with the management of its facilities and is prepared to establish, fund, organize, and staff a Facilities Department or Division.

A contract was awarded for the repair of the roof at one Grafton Common. This work is ongoing. The DPW is providing project Management oversight.

The Department also provided facilities management for one Grafton Common and assisted with the administration of miscellaneous repairs in the municipal center.

Prepared RFP bid documents for the leasing of vacant space at one Grafton Common and continued with management of matters associated with rental of the facility.

### CEMETERY PAYMENTS OVER \$1,000.00

Alm & Son Septic Service	\$ 1,400.00
Dillon Tree Service	\$ 21,565.00
Gauvin Supply	\$ 3,802.08
Grafton Police Dept	\$ 1,766.00
Koopman Lumber	\$ 1,144.35
Lawson Products	\$ 1,502.77
Raps Auto Parts	\$ 1,461.02
South Grafton Water District	\$ 2,946.20
Tendertouch Landscape	\$ 2,132.99
TruGreen	\$ 3,395.33
Tuck's Trucks	\$ 1,048.93

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## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

This report of the Grafton Recreation Commission is based on activities during the calendar year January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. The Commission meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Grafton Memorial Municipal Center. In addition, the Commissioners and Director attend other department meetings when necessary. Bob Fitzpatrick has been attending the Recreation Fields Committee meetings. Stephen Crowley is on the Municipal Wide Space Needs Committee. Heather Cargill is on the Community Preservation Committee.

Recreation offers a ski programs at Ski Ward Hill in Shrewsbury, Ma for children in grades 3rd - 5th for five weeks. Forty Three children were enrolled. For grades 6th - 8th a program was offered at Mt. Wachusett in Princeton, Ma. for six weeks Sixty One children were enrolled. This program could not be so successful if it wasn't for the parents who volunteer each week.

The Recreation Commission, for the twelfth year, sponsored the Grafton Gazebo 5 Mile Road Race on Saturday, May 3, 2008. We had 192 registered runners. The weather was perfect. For the 10th year Recreation, along with the Together We Can Committee, had a Fun Run for children ages two to thirteen years. More than 150 children participated on the High School track. All participants received an award.

The Commission, in our 18th year, sponsored six free Concerts on the Common to the public. The summer concerts were moved to a Sunday afternoon this year. Some residents had asked for a week end concerts and many of the musicians also liked a week end performance. Some concerts were well attended and others were not. The bands featured were Clafin Hill Summer Wind Ensemble with Apple Tree Arts, Beatles For Sale the Tribute, Hipsocket, Monica Hatch, Point and Swing Band, Blackstone Valley Trio. The Commission also sponsored a children's concert performed by Mr. Kim. A portion of the funding for these concerts came from the Grafton Local Cultural Council.

Silver Lake Beach was a very busy place when the sun came out this year. This was one of our wettest years in a long time. Swim classes went back to the two week session program. For the first time this year we offered limited swim lessons in the afternoon and the classes filled up very fast. Our most popular swim time is evening classes. Our swim program totaled 199 participates. For our second year the beach had a Special Doggie Day. Everyone even the four legged ones had fun in the water.

The Parks Program ran for five weeks this year. This program includes children from ages 4-12 years old; a total of

237 children participated. This is staffed by experience adults and college students as well as high school students. These people did a super job making sure everyone was participating and having fun and being safe. Due to school construction and other unforeseen circumstances this program was held only at S.G.E.S. The Recreation Commission would like to thank Superintendent Dr. Connors and Principal Doreen Parker, the office staff and a very special thank-you to maintenance for letting us use the SGE.

Our popular Enrichment Program could not run this summer because we could not find a suitable place to hold it.

For the 15th year, we ran a successful full day program for children ages 7 to 12 years for five weeks from 9a.m. - 3p.m. Monday thru Friday. We had an average per week of 100 attending. This program was located at the Grafton Elementary School. This popular program has special themes each week they participate in activities related to that theme and a field trip. The commission provides well supervised, pre-planned, special events indoor and outdoor play. The favorite trips this year were Salem Trolley Tour, Egypt Museum and the best was rock wall climbing at Central Rock in Worcester. The Recreation Commission would like to thank Dr. Connors, principal, Brenda Plaine, vice principal Leigh Petrowski, office staff and maintenance for letting us use the GES.

During the summer Recreation offered several other programs such as: horseback riding lessons, Jr and adult golf lessons, baseball clinic, summer track, basketball clinic, summer television course, children and adult tennis lessons. The skateboard park was busy with lessons; several programs were offered through Whitehall Learning Group, F.A.S.T Athletic and Sports Mania.

The Commission also offered several afterschool programs for student's: dodge ball, a crafts workshop, a certified babysitting course, yoga and robotics.

Recreation holds a pre-school program for 2 to 5 year olds once a week for six weeks in the spring, fall, and winter. The preschool explore colors, shapes and texture as they participate in fun activities. We also offer an exercise course for this age. We have tried to target younger children with sports program like pre-school soccer and mini sports.

In October eighty-eight middle school children and several chaperones went to Nashoba Valley for a haunted hayride. Everyone came back chilly.

The annual New York City trip had 84 shoppers. Coming home was slow because of the snow conditions.

Yoga class directed by Sharon Guntharp is held every six weeks during the year. These classes are held on Thursday evenings and are open to all. Another adult class is being offered at the Nelson Library on Saturday mornings.

For the 14th year, Recreation has sponsored Grafton Celebrates the Holidays. This has become one of our biggest events in town. Many people participate and come out to enjoy all the events. It was a beautiful cold windy day the town was filled with holiday spirits. There was a petting zoo, horse and wagon rides, ice sculptures, magicians and concerts, train rides. A part time coordinator was hired to help the director this year.

The Commission, with volunteer coordinator Kevin Hart, offered basketball to fourth through ninth grade boys and girls for the 10th year. A total of 252 boys and girls played for the season of 2009- 2010. Without the support of our parent volunteers this would not be a successful program. From January to February for six weeks Mr. Coonan offers grades Kindergarten through third a fundamental basketball program with a total of 124 kids.

Under the support of Recreation and volunteers Nina & Erik Henningson and several other interested parents for the fifth year we ran a successful Flag Football with 151 children participating.

For the third year The Grafton Turkey Hunt went off great. The weather was perfect for the bird's cold and windy. The clues were a little harder this year the first team came in at 45 minutes. We had over 100 participants. All the clues were brought in and the turkeys found new homes. A new strategy is in the works for 2010. A special thank you goes to the family clue coordinators Deb and Mark Steinmetz. A special thank you to all the clue givers also.

In October we had our third family scarecrow contest on the common which was rained out. There were a few that came out the next day.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Fitzpatrick, Chairperson  
Heather Cargill, Vice Chairperson  
Kristen Belanger  
Stephen Crowley  
Charles Villeg  
Gina Dalan

**GRAFTON RECREATION COMMISSION  
SALARIES IN EXCESS OF \$500.00  
FISCAL YEAR 2009**

Armstrong, Brenda	\$3,270.17
Armstrong, Julie	\$4,213.88
Atchue, Joseph	\$2,388.27
Broadbent, Thomas	\$1,299.39
Brooks, Jayson	\$2,984.75
Cross, Kimberlie	\$1,121.60
David, Mark	\$1,113.75
Faden, William	\$1,077.38
Finn, Alison	\$1,746.30
Flavin, Ryan	\$1,476.78
Gosselin, Gosselin	\$2,623.24
Howes, Jamie	\$4,244.70
Hyman, Jessica	\$2,518.48
Lyons, Hillary	\$1,856.00
Machnik, Kevin	\$2,256.20
McCarthy, Jeffrey	\$650.65
Onorato, Christian	\$4,482.00
Onorato, Daniel	\$1,423.47
Palombo, Christopher	\$1,647.20
Pellegrini, Michelle	\$1,384.28
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Serafin, Leah	\$2,263.28
Sheehan, Jessica	\$5,944.35
Sheehan, Samantha	\$2,307.24
Smith, Stephen	\$1,577.28
Teixeira, Andrew	\$781.63
Teixeira, Stephanie	\$3,488.63

**GRAFTON RECREATION COMMISSION  
EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF \$500.00  
FISCAL YEAR 2009**

Apple Tree Arts	\$600.00
Carlos F. Davis	\$700.00
Dell Marketing L.P.	\$992.63
Ed Fenner	\$525.00
Home Depot	\$698.28
Houlden Farm	\$682.00
Jenifer's, Inc.	\$600.00
Lycotte Environmental, Inc.	\$2,250.00
MAMCO Construction, LLC	\$1,000.00
National Grid	\$941.76
Office Depot	\$563.65
Old Colony	\$517.79
Edmund C. Quigley	\$750.00
Brian Stratton	\$775.00
Sunshine Sign Company, Inc.	\$945.24
Cecelia Thurber, RN, BSN	\$595.00

## GRAFTON RECYCLE COMMITTEE

The Grafton Recycle Committee was formally commissioned in August 2008. This is the committee's second year in operation. The mission of the Committee was to increase recycling efforts to 35% through education and outreach by July 2009. We have exceeded that goal. The town's average recycling rate for this fiscal year is 43%.

The Board of Selectmen voted to increase the number of members serving on the committee from five to seven. Three members have served on the board since its inception. Four new members were appointed in August 2009. The Committee typically meets twice a month, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in Conference Room D.

The following lists the current appointed and active members:

Lydia Bogar  
Stephanie Collins-Rankin  
Steve Changaris  
Ellen Dowling  
Donna Onacki  
Kristen Rainey  
Betsy Ryer

### Accomplishments:

- Improved the Recycling Committee's page on the town website by adding several helpful hints for recycling household items
- Held another successful E-Waste Day
- Held our first Styrofoam Collection Day
- Gave recycling presentations to both K-2 elementary schools
- Published weekly recycling tips in the Grafton News
- Did public outreach at the Farmers' Market on the Common
- Tracked the town's recycling efforts & published charts in both town publications
- Participated in the League of Women Voters Greener Grafton Forum
- Involved the Grafton High School Environmental Club in our initiatives
- Aired our first Recycling Public Service Announcement, written and produced by GHS students
- Collected hundreds of pairs of old sneakers in the schools for the Nike ReUse a Shoe Program
- Participated in the Holiday Craft Fair to give residents ideas on reusing household materials
- Promoted Habitat for Humanity organization which accepts household & construction items
- Supplied recycling bins to the libraries

### Ongoing initiatives:

- Organizing a Paper Shredding Day in May 2010
- Participating in the GEA Spelling Bee
- Organizing an E-Waste day for Spring 2010
- Working with the Class of 2012 on their class recycling initiative
- Participating in Earth Day on the Common in April 2010
- Working with the Boy Scouts & the Community Barn to create outdoor recycling bins
- Suggesting recycling layout for new High School
- Continuing community outreach programs

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Dowling, Chairperson  
Grafton Recycle Committee

## REPORT OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Submitted herewith is the report of the Registrars of Voters from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Persons registered to vote in the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours as well as by mail. Registration sessions were held at Grafton High School and Grafton Job Corps.

At the close of registrations the total number of registered voters was divided as follows:

Precinct One	2550
Precinct Two	3251
Precinct Three	2756
Precinct Four	2889

The total number of registered voters in Grafton on December 31, 2009 was 11,446.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Appropriations:

Salaries & Wages	\$11375.00
Overtime	1500.00
Expenses	13500.00
Transfer Amount	8400.00
Total Expended	18742.95
Unexpended	3044.65

Payments in excess of \$500.00

LHS Associates	\$4,613.45
Buggy Whip	1,420.00
Grafton Police	3,333.82
Maureen Clark	500.00
Judy Demers	827.97
Donna Girouard	722.00
E S & S	920.76
Sue Rogers	600.00
Mark Altman	1328.62

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen A. Clark  
Linda M. Casey  
June S. Lufkin  
Justin A. Phillips

*Together We Can*



*Making  
Grafton, Massachusetts  
Safer • Happier • Stronger*

A sub-committee to the board of selectmen since 1995, our mission is to seek out the help and support of the community to develop and implement programs to reduce risk factors associated with drug use, underage drinking, and violence. Together We Can (TWC) brings together organizations, schools, police, churches, businesses, families, youth, and adults to help keep our citizens more healthy, happy and safe. Part of goal is to also encourage and recognize young people who exemplify our mission with their personal contributions of time and effort to help their community, school and town.

TWC is most well known for its sponsorship of the annual post graduation celebration "Bon Voyage." Held June 4, 2009 at the Borough's YMCA in Westborough, this year's event had 90% attendance of the Grafton High School class of 2009. Along with parents of senior and junior parents, TWC ensures the annual celebration continues with start up funds to reserve the facility and provides T-shirts for every graduation senior. Although promoted as the last gathering of their class, "Bon Voyage's" true purpose is to provide a safe and fun event to reduce risks of underage drinking and driving under the influence often associated with graduation night.

Other annual events TWC co-sponsored with school and town organizations 2008-09: National Night Out with Grafton Police Department in August; Grafton High School

Homecoming in October; the January Community Skating party on Lake Ripple with Grafton Recreation, Boys Scouts, Grafton Fire Department and other community groups; Skidz Skool, defensive driver training with Grafton High School Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) students at the National Safety Council in West Boylston in January; the Grafton Gazebo Road Race and Fun Runs in May with Grafton Recreation; sponsoring to bus trips for away track meets and team uniform shirts for the Grafton Middle School Track Club; and the TWC scholarships awarded to Grafton High School students who exemplify our mission of community service and reducing underage alcohol use.

## **REPORT OF THE GRAFTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

The Grafton School District has had a very busy year with many goals and with a steadfast determination, to support our town wide school space needs solution and proposing a modest responsible budget to support school operations. In addition, this report will outline the Strategic Action Plan, Budget, enrollment data, and the School Committee's Goals for this year.

### **Strategic Action Plan**

During the past year the School Committee adopted its third Strategic Action Plan. The plans mission is:

"Grafton Public Schools is an evolving and responsive community. We provide an interactive learning environment that ensures academic excellence and social responsibility. Our instructional programs foster personal integrity and the critical thinking necessary for global citizenship. We empower our students to be active participants who thrive in an ever-changing world"

The Goals of this Strategic Action Committee is as follows:

### **To enhance communication and support through various relationships between the school district and the community at large.**

- To expand school, community, and business partnerships to strengthen the educational process in the Grafton Public Schools.
- To utilize the district website to inform and build relationships among school, family, and community.
- To increase awareness of the accomplishments of the school district throughout the community.



**To participate in the acquisition, utilization, and maintenance of school facilities.**

- To assess our technology infrastructure and develop a plan to meet identified needs.
- To establish a reorganization plan specific to staffing, grade levels, and resources.
- To conduct a facilities assessment and make appropriate recommendations.

**To expand and develop programs to meet the educational goals of our evolving student population.**

- To develop and implement a process to evaluate new and existing programs utilizing research-based methods.
- To integrate the National Educational Technology Standards for students, teachers, and administrators throughout all programs.
- To conduct a district-wide needs assessment in order to identify program needs.

**To implement multiple instructional strategies to enhance each student's performance in school.**

- To expand the integration of technology to improve teaching and learning.
- To support teachers in the acquisition and development of a variety of instructional strategies.

The Grafton School Committee during its January 2010 meeting received and viewed a presentation from this committee that outlined its implementation. The committee will look forward to its next update on the progress of this plan during its June 2010 meeting schedule. Lastly, the School Committee recognizes all the work from the following groups who took part in this project: Central Office Administration, Building Administrators, Technology Coordinator, Parent Representatives, Community Members, Teachers, Town Officials and Students, thank you all for your efforts in putting this Strategic Plan in motion.

**Enrollment Figures**

Grafton's school district student enrollment in FY 2009 was 2,911. As of October 1, 2010 the figures are approximately 2,940, this is approximately 1% increase from FY 2009. The impact of student enrollment is starting to matriculate to the current Grafton Senior High School with a proposed freshman class size of more than 190 students for the upcoming year and an outgoing senior class of 146. This proposed increase will add approximately 44 more students to the current high school enrollment. The total number of high school students will increase from 663 FY2010 to 707 for FY2011. Grafton's historic enrollment figures from the year of 1999 had 2,141 students and for the year of 2009 2,880 students. This is an increase by 34.5 %; this puts Grafton 5th out of 310 communities within the Commonwealth in student enrollment growth.

**Facilities Update**

As with this growing enrollment, Grafton has been able to accommodate the growth in all of its buildings up until now. The Middle school was able to make use of 4 modular classrooms to the current middle school to accommodate the overcrowding. These modular's were opened up to the students during the fall of 2009 and have had great success in utilizing all available space. Also other nontraditional space is being used at all other buildings to accommodate the space needs as they are demanded.

**New High School**

The School Committee has participated in many informational meetings over the past year to address the Town of Grafton's school space needs that affects the entire school district. Through this effort coordinated via the Secondary School Building Committee's (SSBC) charge and the entire School District staff, with an approved design and fiscal recommendation from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, the Town had decided that a new High School will be built to solve our school district overcrowding conditions. With this solution, the work to accommodate the district while this construction is being done will remain one of the School Committee's top areas of concern to accommodate all involved. The School Committee hopes that the delivery of a new high school will remain as proposed to open in the Fall of 2012.

**Organizational Review**

The Grafton School Committee during its March 2010 meeting received a formal copy of proposed organizational deployments with scenarios from Superintendent of Schools Joseph F. Connors, PhD. The recommendations from Dr. Connors are based on several factors from staff and the construction of a new high school and its impact on the entire district.

**Coordinated Program Review (CPR)**

Grafton School district has received a Coordinated Program Review from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This Review looks at the districts educational programs for quality assurance and compliance and accounts for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) monitoring and provides to staff the areas of in need of correcting. Over the past year, the District Staff has reviewed these results from the Department and has provided approved corrective action plans that have been or will be implemented with the time frame accepted by the Department of Education. The School Committee has reviewed these plans with the CPR committee comprised of Building Administrators and Central Office Staff.

**Budget**

The Town adopted during the 2009 Annual Town meeting a School Department FY2010 budget of \$22,230,045. The



FY2010 budget was in increase of 3.75 from FY2009 budget season. During a January 2010 School Committee Meeting, the Committee adopted a proposed budget recommendation for FY 2011 of 23,237,324 (4.06%) increase from FY 2010 budget.

### **School Committee Goals**

#### **Advance a system-wide solution for our educational space needs**

- By December, develop a set of talking points for use by School Committee members, Secondary School Committee members, and others for public discussion.
- Prior to upcoming town meeting and ballot vote, work with the SSBC, Administration, and other community groups to co-ordinate at least 10 public forums to disseminate information about our space needs
- By January, coordinate at least two dates with the various Principals for public tours of school buildings.

#### **Establish a District Advisory Council to improve communication and community outreach**

- By December 15th, send invitations to various constituencies outlining purpose and inviting delegate(s) to participate.
- By February 1st, host the first of four annual meetings; including the annual School Committee Forum.

#### **Investigate cost-saving measures to reduce Operating Expenses in FY10 and FY11.**

- By January, establish Sub-Committees to research and recommend specific measures to reduce costs within the District, including but not limited to:
  - o Special Education
  - o Outsourcing (Food Service, Custodial Services)
  - o Shared Services (Professional Development, Joint Municipal efforts)
  - o Energy Conservation

### **Student Community Headlines**

Grafton residents now get to enjoy Grafton athletic activities under the lights recently provided to us by various donations on behalf of the Forever Kevin benefit. Because of the kind donations by residents and local business, the lights were installed onto its field for use during the night. The opening event was a football game held on live TV during a Thursday night. The School Committee is grateful for this donation and looks forward to its long term use.

The Student Council at the Grafton High School decided to bring in Rachel's Challenge, for those who do not know what Rachel's Challenge is, Rachel Scott was a victim of the Columbine High School Shootings in 1999. Rachel's brother, Craig Scott came to Grafton High during the fall of 2009 and gave an overview of who Rachel was and what she took upon

to change adversity at her school. Her mission of compassion has been presented to over 800 schools and has spread throughout the entire Grafton School system to outreach to other groups the message of compassion. The current number of students involved in this program is over 200. The School Committee has during its meetings received updates on this new initiative in the High School and hopes to receive additional updates to its progress throughout the district.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Peter R. Carlson Secretary  
 Daryl Rynning Chair  
 Teri Turgeon Vice Chair  
 Donna Stock Member  
 Kathy Halloran Member

### **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT VENDOR REPORT**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
AA Transportation	9,040
Aalanco	59,274
ABC Store	1,326
ABC-CLIO	1,395
Abilitations	1,425
Academic Superstore	1,131
Advantage Industrial Supply	9,581
Akers, Doni	4,323
Allied Waste Services	4,962
American Association of School Administrators	1,073
American International College	1,176
Anderson, Susan	2,445
Antinarelli, Michelle	8,350
Apple Computer, Inc.	37,584
Applied Behavioral Assoc.	18,769
ASAP Software Express	16,694
Assn For Supervision & Curriculum Development	1,111
Atlantic Express, Inc.	23,800
B & H Foto & Electronics	3,772
Barnes & Noble	6,251
Behavioral Education, Assessment & Consultation	1,864
Bergenholtz, James	1,684
Best Buy	2,075
Better Electric	1,674
Bishop, Brittany	2,786
Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce	5,250
Blanchard Foods	2,228
Bossolt, Jessica	10,992
Bridge of Central Mass	45,144
Bruso, Larry	2,228
Bureau of Education & Research	1,274
Burke, Ronald	4,935
BYU Independent Study	1,339
Cam Office Services	7,509
Cambium Learning	1,642

Camosse Masonry Supply	1,057	Grafton Police	2,594
Capitol Trailer Leasing	5,850	Graham, John	2,540
Cascade School Supplies Inc.	2,445	Grainger	30,840
CDW Government Inc.	26,211	Green Pages	9,125
Celt Corporations	10,384	Greenwood Publishing	2,112
Cengage Learning	4,060	Grizzly Industrial	1,214
Central Mass Special Education Collaborative	6,028	Guertin Awards	1,734
Channing Bete Co., Inc.	1,498	Gustin Advertising	16,026
Childcraft Education	1,404	H.T. Berry	5,028
Clarke School For The Deaf	1,743	Handy House	1,836
Classroomdirect.com	2,845	Haynes, Lieneck & Smith	5,073
Clean Harbors	6,022	Heinemann	1,288
Cogswell Sprinkler	1,156	Hess	17,262
Commercial Lighting Company	1,207	Hewlett Packard	39,255
Committee For Children	5,389	Highfield's Golf	1,198
Commonwealth Of Mass	1,710	Highsmith	1,846
Competitive Energy Services	1,045	Hingham Public Schools	2,280
Data Memory System	1,560	Holtz Brinck/MPS	2,291
Data Metrics	2,000	Home Depot	10,198
David French Music	4,011	Houghton Mifflin	20,095
Delta Education	1,697	I Paradigms	1,497
Destination Imagination	3,000	IBA Print Shop	7,548
Developmental Studies Center	1,793	ICPI	17,234
Devereaux	38,222	Ikon	48,276
Dick Blick	3,478	In The Corner Hockey	1,170
Different Roads To Learning	1,648	Inter-Actions	1,700
Direct Advantage	1,610	International Engineering	1,650
Drain-A-Way	2,349	Issa, Hussein	3,533
Education, Inc.	2,949	Jasparro, Ralph	1,000
Evans, Grant	2,786	John Deere	6,759
Facility Management	10,654	Jones, Daniel	6,354
Facts On File	1,067	Joseph's Lock & Safe	1,549
Filemaker	1,371	Junior Library Guild	1,454
Flexible Business Systems	2,700	Kangaroo Crossing	5,000
Flinn Scientific	2,014	Kaufman, Robert	2,857
Follett Educational	7,564	Kelvin	1,550
Follett Library Resources	6,936	Kemp Technologies	2,990
Follett Software	23,060	Kesseli & Morse	14,355
Frank Rounds	16,864	King, Ilda	16,700
French River Education Center	127,402	Koopman's	4,647
Frey Scientific	1,540	Laidlaw	165,750
G & F Installation	2,925	Lakeshore Learning	5,883
G & L Plumbing	5,069	Learning A - Z	7,581
Gauvin's	2,735	Learning Center for the Deaf	50,332
Gemme, John	3,616	Lehtinen, Brian J.	2,228
Gibney	9,657	Library Video Company	1,001
Gilman Gear	7,497	Lieberman, Benjamin	3,379
Global Connect	5,400	Liebowitz, Toby	4,860
Global Education Technologies	3,374	Lincoln Learning	4,143
Global Montello Group	310,574	Linguistystems	2,215
Goretti's	5,660	Lipinski	32,772
Goulet, Joel	2,426	LSDO Local Staff Development Opportunities	1,500
Gov Connection	39,142	M & F Athletic	1,748
Grafton Destination Imagination	3,000	Ma Admin for Special Education	1,575

Mamco	5,500	Plumbmaster	1,958
Mark's Transportation	95,228	Postmaster	3,847
Mass Association of School Committees	5,463	Premier Agendas	5,545
Mass Association of School Superintendents	5,290	Prestwick House	1,403
Mass Elementary School Principal Association	1,470	Pro-Ed	1,231
Mass General Hospital	1,320	Protection One Alarm	2,644
Mass Interscholastic Athletic Association	2,390	Psychological Assessment Resources	1,422
Mass Secondary School Admin Association	1,205	Quality Connections	11,271
Mayer Johnson	1,703	Rachel's Challenge	1,500
Mazzola, Mike	4,278	Rand McNally	2,569
McGourty, Laureen	21,500	RCS Learning Center	92,281
McGraw Hill	5,404	Really Good Stuff	5,800
Mendon Upton Regional School District	79,881	Reece Electric	13,934
Merrimack Education Center	47,020	Renaud HVAC	31,383
Mirick O'Connell	68,679	Ricoh	6,286
Morin, Kenneth	3,489	Ridell/All American	2,582
Murphy, Hesse, Toomey	17,230	Robert Lord Company	4,669
Nally Associates	1,838	Roland's Business Systems	1,915
Naras, Kimberly	29,080	Ross, Michael	4,992
Nasco	6,096	Rotatori, Alan	3,616
Nashoba Learning Group	56,695	Rovic	15,650
Nat'l Art & School Supplies	1,345	Roy, Michael	2,098
Nat'l Union Fire Insurance	3,300	RPB Systems & Services	18,427
NCS Pearson	22,472	S & S Equipment	12,179
New Arts & Sciences	3,135	S.O.M. Construction	273,097
New England Assoc of School & Colleges	3,135	Saltus Press	2,185
New England Disposal Technologies	1,285	Sax Arts & Crafts	10,592
New England League of Middle Schools	3,093	Scanlon & Associates	6,500
New England Medical Center	2,388	Scholastic	7,981
New England School Development Council	2,130	School Health	1,292
Nextel	1,257	School Nurse	2,007
Nixon	2,325	School Specialty	1,286
Norfolk County Agricultural High School	19,692	School Tech	2,096
Northstar Hockey	2,250	Shaw's	2,367
O'Brien & Sons	2,445	Shrewsbury Public School	1,265
O'Brien, Justin	2,506	Siegner, Cary	38,466
Oce Imagistics, Inc.	9,496	Siemen's	6,811
Office Depot	4,689	Signet	9,062
Oksanish, Cean	3,001	Simon, Randi	1,642
Old Colony	13,502	Site Specifics	2,863
O'Sullivan Flooring	13,600	Smith, Vicki	1,336
O'Sullivan, Daniel	752	Snyder, Kim	3,680
Oticon	1,353	South County Physical Therapy	17,961
P & M Asphalt	2,190	South Grafton Water District	2,082
Patricelli, Elizabeth	4,721	South Shore Educational Collaborative	66,190
Patrick, Meghan	3,355	Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative	130,248
Paul Revere Life Insurance	2,745	Southern Worcester County League	2,705
Pearson Education	10,792	Spiral Binding Company	1,908
People's Education	1,294	Sportime	1,398
Pepper & Son	7,625	St. Germaine, Joanne	1,520
Perkins School for the Blind	19,891	Standard Electric	1,721
Peterson Oil	11,485	Standard Stationery	1,359
Phonak	5,670	Staples	10,533
Pitney Bowes	9,915	Stateline Irrigation Supply	1,527

Stoneman, Chandler & Miller	1,835	Barrell, Daniel	40,507
Stop & Shop	4,519	Bassett, John	43,593
Study Island	9,170	Baszner, Richard	7,443
Super Duper Publication	1,430	Beausoleil, Ann	1,033
Systere Consulting	2,800	Bellarosa, Corrine	1,013
Taylor, Cherylann	2,426	Bennes, Rosalie	5,318
Teacher 21	3,000	Berardi, Gail	21,591
Teacher Direct	1,538	Bonnici, Gina	800
Teacher's Discovery	3,463	Borowski, Stephen	4,117
Therapro	2,603	Bove, Melanie	18,252
Three T Enterprises	6,648	Brawn, Sandra	16,879
Tosches, Joseph	3,616	Breault, Michael	54,729
Town of Millbury	28,000	Brodeur, Krystle	18,107
Traffic Systems	8,429	Bronson, Derek	1,818
Traveler's Transit	231,759	Brosnan-Quilliam, Mary	15,059
Tree House	1,249	Bruso, Jennifer	9,813
Tyler Technologies	4,491	Bull, Carleton	36,609
Umass Memorial Medical Group	3,379	Callahan, David	37,980
Unifirst	1,315	Callahan, Stephen	9,909
United States Postal Service	3,588	Cammuso, Andrew	5,613
USI	1,445	Cantillon, Jaime	16,520
Valley Communications	16,051	Capistrone, Sharon	19,980
Van/Go Graphics	6,693	Caron, Carol	19,574
Verizon	33,251	Cayford, Susanne	33,594
Vernier Software	3,606	Cella, Diane	1,613
VHS	4,750	Chanis, Jillian	7,981
Wakelin, Robert	2,508	Charlton, Maria	13,606
Walmart	5,237	Chesley, Jane	13,575
Ward's Natural Science	4,105	Chevalier, Laura	41,730
WB Mason	71,716	Cicero, Judith	18,343
Webber, Zachary	3,001	Cloran, Shavaun	15,886
William Macgill	5,833	Coates, Lisa	8,823
Wilson Language	8,961	Collette, Linda	15,913
Worcester Center for the Performing Arts	5,968	Connors, Abigail	1,397
Worcester Elevator	4,857	Contois, Susan	15,945
Work Wear Apparel	1,651	Courville, Jennifer	7,689
Worthington Direct	7,255	Coz, Diane	7,946
Y.O.U., Inc	36,819	Cross, Kimberlie	14,247
Yankee Technology	7,550	Crowley, Terri	14,966
		Dagilis, Denise	14,244
		D'Angelo, Theodora	13,290
		Davies, Rachael	16,507
		Davis, Jacqueline	52,506
		Davis, Marguerite	2,677
		Derosiers, Kelli	16,826
		Deschenes, Cindy	26,952
		Dickman, Jacqueline	45,246
		Dolson, Lynn	35,124
		Dostie, Jonathan	14,153
		Dumas, Janet	3,504
		Duval, Sheila	6,003
		Edwards, Carolyn	18,399
		Ethier, Jocelyn	3,876
		Farrell, Virginia	40,850

#### EMPLOYEE LISTING SCHOOL WEEKLY FY09

Achilles, Horace	41,407
Aldenberg, Nadine	22,173
Alex, Stephen	39,017
Amero, Carrie	32,180
Andersen, Marianne	15,795
Anderson, Paula	13,071
Anzivino, Mark	6,119
Atchue, Helen	14,359
Babb, Martha	17,142
Badgley, Joseph	2,385
Baldwin, Wendy	4,158
Banks, Ruth	12,352

Featherstone, Marjorie	15,054	Leonard, Jane	6,432
Felice, Amy	1,830	Leonard, Jennifer	15,204
Firmes, Kris	15,220	L'Esperance, Diane	14,937
Flanagan, Lisa	13,823	L'Esperance, Laura	974
Flavin, Anne-Marie	16,666	Levesque, Louis	37,848
Fontana, Andrea	2,871	Lobo, Mary	3,690
Freddie, Sarah	969	Lubowicki, Amy	1,205
Gagne, Deborah	14,972	Lupin, Carol	11,779
Gagne, Eugene	40,966	Maciewski, Paul	8,424
Gagne, John	42,280	Magan, Lisa	14,731
Gagne, Shana	3,317	Mahassel, Lori	2,751
Gagne, Tessa	2,304	Maley, Jill	5,407
Giaya, Tefta	14,230	Malmquist, Charlotte	16,800
Gibson, Heidi	8,451	Mansoor, Mary	17,190
Gonzalez, Deborah	27,986	Maranda, Cathy	10,841
Goodspeed, Nancy	51,260	Massey, Russell	37,983
Grasso, Virginia	14,387	McAtee, Kathleen	17,996
Guglielmello, Elizabeth	18,497	McCarthy, Patricia	20,103
Guglielmello, Wilfred	7,332	McIntyre, Meaghan	15,580
Hall, Cathy	8,184	Medina, Evelyn	1,391
Hamilton, Karan	20,315	Mehdiyoun, Amanda	6,941
Harper, Dwight	3,798	Melanson, Charlotte	21,244
Harris, Donna	34,719	Melanson, Diane	12,508
Henault, Jacquelyn	650	Merenda, Susan	6,354
Henault, Michelle	34,774	Mero, Krista	1,238
Henault, Paula	6,878	Michniewicz, Theresa	15,039
Henault, Susan	9,960	Mirarchi, Ellen	15,580
Henningson, Nina	7,431	Monteith, Theresa	13,940
Heyn, Eileen	15,715	Morse, Patricia	15,795
Hicks, AnneMarie	20,532	Muse, John	13,249
Hise, Rebecca	51,659	Nash, Angela	14,113
Hitchings, Lynn	15,607	Nolan, Kimberly	18,883
Horgan, Beth	54,397	Novia Gyneth	1,228
Hughes, Carrie	16,479	Oevermann, Kari	16,462
Iafolla, Sandra	18,593	Page, Rosemary	27,976
Iaquinta, Sharon	51,807	Palermo, Sally	5,554
Ide, Mark	989	Parker, Kristen	744
Izquierdo, Lorinne	4,974	Pearl, Tara	8,355
Jacques, Diane	14,818	Perron, Paula	36,947
Johnson, Janice	3,125	Perry, Kristina	14,118
Joncas, Jane	16,452	Peters, Christine	15,651
Jones, Christine	22,019	Pogorzelski, Robin	11,134
Joyce, Marcia	14,577	Poitrass, Donna	33,612
Kennedy, Lisa	13,839	Polagruto, Suzanne	987
Kiritsy, Wendy	14,880	Pollinger, Debra	16,934
Kirwin, Eilen	1,450	Polselli, Nathan	2,581
Kuras, Deborah	17,133	Praderio, Thomas	1,590
Larivee, Stephen	25,454	Raja, Dani	9,318
Lauria, Lori	25,116	Reardon, Gaile	21,701
LeBlanc, Bernadette	699	Reinhardt, Donna	726
LeBlanc, Carole	16,301	Reitz, Cynthia	26,414
LeMay, Anthony	53,023	Renzoni, Pamela	14,205
LeMay, Mary	2,754	Rice, Lisa	3,646
Leofanti, Lynn	31,026	Richard, Diane	15,540



Rideout, Karen	4,778	Anderson, Robert	52,166
Robar, Jillian	1,000	Andreasen, Karen	47,953
Rondeau, Meghan	887	Annunziata, Katrinia	42,118
Rooney, Elizabeth	9,617	Antollino-Bukoski, Robin	58,527
Rose, Donna	10,323	Athanas, Nancy	58,305
Runne, Anne	27,017	Auger, Nancy	775
Runne, Katelyn	22,836	Austin, Heidi	66,219
Sawtelle, Nancy	32,247	Bailey, Michelle	63,815
Schofield, James	1,596	Bailey, Renee	47,100
Sclar, Claire	20,738	Baker, Norma	54,191
Sclar, James	31,380	Balanca, Angela	2,610
Shay, Allyson	14,129	Baris, Kathleen	81,196
Shay, Jessica	20,753	Barkin, Karen S	68,511
Sheehan, Jessica	15,319	Barry, Linda	70,101
Smith, Constance	39,259	Bartholoma, Laurie	1,140
Smith, Rachelle	14,070	Bartlett, Jordan	1,595
Snyder, Kimberly	14,403	Beausoleil, Tiffany	50,427
Socia, Daniel	3,195	Bergen, Robin	68,414
Socia, Dennis	38,275	Bergenholtz, James	13,473
Spurgeon, Thomas	50,620	Bilodeau, Margaret	600
St.Andre, Mark	39,761	Bishop, Christine	540
Sudbey, Jean	1,334	Blais, Tyler	19,307
Sukis, Magen	15,741	Blessing, Diane	65,117
Surprise, Kristen	6,136	Bloch, Marion	58,513
Tauras, Nancy	21,810	Booth, Kim	52,861
Tellier, Carol	11,175	Boulanger, Lauren	45,619
Thibodeau, Jill	1,946	Boutiette, Lucille	96,909
Thornbrugh, William	12,629	Bowman, Kathleen	48,073
Thurber, Cecelia	55,565	Boyle, Elizabeth	66,339
Tillotson, Shelley	18,777	Breault, Billie Jo	47,993
Tracy, Teresa	77,123	Brennan, Joann M	68,894
Virgilio, Lorraine	18,734	Bright, Toryn	49,890
Wade, Francis	37,806	Brophy Jr., Richard	10,105
Wahlgren, Carol	21,323	Brown, Susan	71,681
Warren, Stuart	42,869	Buckley, Erin	47,145
Watson, Tina	14,129	Buckley, Jo-Ann	51,454
Wenc, Mitchell	37,621	Byrnes, Trea	65,438
Wence, Rachel	14,032	Cahill, Stacy	22,387
Wenderoth, Melissa	5,049	Cahill-Sabourin, Kimberly	77,175
Williams, Peter	30,444	Carew, Cathy	63,395
Wise, Lisa	32,292	Carew, Richard	1,030
Total	3,722,679	Carpenter, Diane	53,788
		Carr, Kelly	63,550
		Carrignant, Joshua	7,700
		Cassano, Amy	53,788
		Castro, Donna	2,089
		Cederburg, Katharine	43,935
		Celona, Kathy	65,119
		Cembrola, Mary	63,815
		Chaffe, Michele	70,548
		Chapman, Lauren	44,881
		Choinski, Stanley	1,365
		Cimoch, Maureen	65,950
		Cincotta, Richard	19,338

#### EMPLOYEE LISTING SCHOOL-BIWEEKLY FY 09

Achilles, Deborah	72,467
Adams, Mandee	38,617
Akillian, Gayle	66,439
Allen, Monica	22,644
Anderson, Andrea	45,134
Anderson, Eric	57,289
Anderson, Jill	39,117

Cleary, Gordon	58,456	Felice, Donna	70,216
Clifford, Hilary	1,135	Fillers, Noel	47,916
Clifford, Peggy	63,815	Fillers, William	2,770
Cohen, Maureen	83,148	Fletcher, Lauren	34,434
Conlon, Paula M	69,870	Flynn, Lucia	2,115
Conlon, Sharon	2,910	Fontaine, Sarah	42,843
Connors, Joseph	146,339	Fontana, Andrea	780
Contois, Justin	54,355	Frey, Michael	2,855
Cosseboom, Lyn	593	Fyfe, Dominique	600
Cote, Deborah	61,451	Gerhardt, Therese	65,083
Cote, Jason	66,533	Gleason, Peter	64,204
Cote, Katie	2,735	Goodman, Lisa	43,964
Crockwell, Angie	62,909	Gosselin, Judith	64,086
Crowell, Christine	42,222	Graves, Francis	63,137
Curran, Margaret	41,051	Gray, Jason	48,473
Currier, Kristan	1,115	Green, Mary	65,690
Dadah, Judith	22,898	Groccia, Angela	5,695
Daly, MaryEllen	72,183	Grzelecki, Paula	70,508
D'Amato, Tammy	46,257	Hammond, Steven	67,775
Damoulakis, Wendy	21,515	Hanley, Martha	66,699
Dauphinais, Carol	885	Harrigan, Neil	64,906
Dawe, Mary	32,407	Harwick, Paula	910
DeCaire, Kelly	37,904	Healy, Paul	1,245
DeCarolis, John	650	Hernandez, Erin	55,571
DeCosta, Susan	2,680	Holbrook, Karyn	2,984
Della Cioppa, David	43,625	Howell, Sue	61,957
Demartini, Kathryn	12,955	Janerico, Wendy	56,622
Demers, Roger	59,714	Jankowski, Lauri	16,638
Deschenes, Laura	48,153	Kavanaugh, Michelle	50,301
Despres, Claire	2,330	Kelleher, Andrea	59,623
DeVarney, Brenda	58,096	Keller, Patricia	48,093
Diamandis, Leslie	70,448	Kelly, Kim	58,241
Dias, Donna	21,644	Kelly, Michele	66,969
DiConza, Kelly	41,151	Kelly, Rachel	815
DiSenso, Barbara	1,080	Kelly, Sarah	57,529
DiStefano, Kara	51,930	Kenary, Michele	69,399
DiVito, Taryn	57,909	Kerwin, Stephanie	21,988
Dolan, Sarah	50,287	Kittredge, Lisa	64,970
Donohoe, Raymond Jr	58,624	Koehler, Laura	35,973
Dowdle, Michael	65,597	Kos, Stephanie	3,440
Dowdle, William	71,792	Koshivos, Katrina	610
Dunn, Carey	55,135	Koss, Steven	46,786
Durost, Jennifer	49,902	Lambert, Elizabeth	70,186
Dyer-Casperaites, Jodi	66,259	Lamprey, Kathleen	69,388
Egan, Kathleen	67,063	Lassonde, Melissa	55,791
Ellis, Karrah	64,168	Lavallee, Margaret	63,815
Erhartic, Amanda	43,805	Lavery, Jennifer	57,289
Eschelbacher, Jeremy	63,815	LeBlanc, Philip	58,241
Evans Orr, Donna	26,320	Lee, Jenny	49,262
Evers, Karla	60,143	Leger, Annette	13,685
Fasold, Deborah	43,605	LeMaire, Mathew	47,953
Fassett, Jocelyn	61,957	Leonard, Thomas	4,860
Feeney, Leslie	65,074	Lewis, Janet	63,935
Felice, Amy	40,971	Lewis, Karyn	46,159

Lijoi, Shawn	58,298	Parker, Doreen	86,944
Lind, Richard Jr.	96,922	Parker, Elizabeth	52,778
Loiseau, Lynn	58,353	Parker-Nadeau, Kimberly	45,619
Lombardi, Colleen	21,048	Parone, Kristen	45,899
Magill, Julie	39,065	Patnode, Amanda	2,275
Maher, Mary	45,759	Patraitis, Gerald	58,439
Malloy, Erin	50,287	Patraitis, John	64,606
Mangano, Janet	47,953	Patraitis, Lisa	49,996
Manning, Jeffrey	62,030	Peckitt, Susan	64,807
March, Penny	54,028	Pepka, Janice	2,730
Marino, Michelle	46,129	Perch, Catherine	59,743
Marlette, Debne	6,068	Pereira, Marcia	81,351
Martel, Dawn	6,045	Perreault, Joyce	68,743
Martin, Kristen	58,925	Peterson, Erik	1,950
Mascarin, Emily	45,024	Petkus, Sharyn	70,849
Masera, Heather	3,584	Petrowsky, Leigh	71,142
Mason, Jane	66,219	Phillips, Cecilia	63,935
May, Linda	1,025	Pignataro, James	101,724
McCullen, Susan	67,692	Pijaca, Patricia	65,253
McDonough, Mary	55,035	Plainte, Brenda	100,577
McDonough, Meghan	695	Polisher, Jared	44,452
McKeon, John	68,551	Proctor, Kristen	4,560
McLaughlin, Amy	44,795	Pugliano, Sandra	67,487
McLaughlin, Martha	49,120	Puglisi, Victoria	38,617
McMahon, Christopher	52,766	Pytko, Robert	2,145
McPartland, Megan	59,663	Quinn, Andrea	46,168
Mehne, Julie	47,482	Quinn, Jennifer	52,621
Mercure, Angela	50,744	Recchia, R. Jill	2,015
Michalowski, Shannon	60,910	Renaud, Sarah	57,409
Mikoloski, Stanley	6,540	Renner, Patricia	29,365
Miller, Christine	31,877	Resker, Alice	635
Miller, Sharyn	53,788	Resker, Elizabeth	980
Mink, Deborah	2,730	Rice, Lisa	5,251
Mitchell, David	43,377	Riley, Mary	69,698
Moore, Jennifer	53,788	Robar, Jillian	670
Morrison, Terri	62,617	Ross, Myla	35,937
Muller, Patricia	40,951	Ross, Tricia	2,720
Murphy, Christie	51,454	Rossetti, Cathy	56,259
Murray, Rachel	1,728	Rossetti, Christina	54,640
Najemy, Elaine	45,498	Rossiter, Lois	27,567
Naughton, Keary	69,130	Roth, Juanita	48,233
O'Brien, Justin	1,385	Samansky, Connie	8,965
O'Connell, Britta	4,605	Savage, Sandra	67,944
O'Connell, Patrick Sr	5,095	Schofield, James	2,700
Oevermann, David	955	Scopa, Andrew	4,195
Oliver, Keith	68,281	Seely, Darren	54,264
Ouellet, Joanne	46,786	Senckowski, Celia	47,953
Ouellette, Mark	68,123	Sereti, Lori	63,815
Pace, Melissa	8,423	Shattuck, Lisa	46,489
Padula, Tracy	54,680	Sherman, Mary	70,349
Page, Linda	66,955	Shorr, Heidi	13,424
Papazian, Christine	65,017	Singley, Peter	67,558
Papazian, Susan	780	Smith, Alison	2,000
Papp, Nancy	70,481	Smith, Ann	47,953

Soucy, Jean-Charles	68,846
Spencer, Erica	43,805
Spofford, Colleen	42,902
Spotkill, Valerie	1,607
Steele, Marie	52,341
Stiles, Elizabeth	41,978
Sturgis, Robert	695
Sutherland, Johanna	72,074
Sutton, Frank	68,744
Sutton, Michelle	59,623
Swidrak, Diana	1,210
Tamborra, Christopher	63,815
Tarczuk, Adam	43,049
Terrill, Margaret	62,894
Thompson, Brandon	56,473
Thompson, Camilla	22,236
Thompson, Seraphime	63,815
Thorne, Michele	5,910
Thulin, H Beth	55,735
Trainor, Donna	61,411
Trapasso, Deborah	65,328
Tritone, Sharyn	74,499
Trombley, Liza	53,488
Trombley, Stephen	59,758
Tucker, Beth E	57,346
Tynan, Michelle	86,060
Underwood, Christopher	56,236
Vogel, Janna	54,955
Walling, April	28,072
Walsh, Lauri	55,883
Walsh, Paula	57,409
Walsh, Thomas	65,017
Warner, Gina	64,055
Warwick, Paulette	70,710
Weaver, Kimberly	935
Webber, Zachary	1,115
Weeks, Elizabeth	71,021
Welch, Kathleen	41,581
Wesgan, Tracy	41,601
Whitlock, Angell	2,610
Wood, David Jr	3,800
Wright, Jason	920
Wu, Pao Ling	25,971
Zelch, Alana	50,287
Total	14,003,696

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Sewer Commissioners regretfully accepted the resignation of Philip L. Platt from the Board of Sewer Commissioners on March 9, 2009. Philip L. Platt dedicated over thirty years of service to the Town of Grafton serving on the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

Gerald F. LeBlanc was elected Chairman, with David L. Therrien as Clerk and Susan H. Duval as the third member at the Board's Reorganizational Meeting held on April 13, 2009.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners welcomed Susan H. Duval on April 13, 2009 as an appointed member.

Presently, the Sewer Department is staffed by Senior Clerk, Mary P. Murray; Junior Clerk, Kristin L. Haffty; Chief Operator, Paul Cournoyer; Maintenance Mechanic, Michael P. Cadrin; Operator, Vincent J. Drago; Operator, Craig Alex, Brendan Mahoney, and Superintendent of Sewers, Charles Bohaboy, Jr.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners is saddened to announce the passing of Gloria B. Christian in January 2009.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners wishes to thank all our employees for their continued loyalty and outstanding performances. Thanks to their efforts, Grafton enjoys one of the best and most efficient treatment facilities in Massachusetts. It is a facility of which the town can be very proud. Again this year, we enjoyed an excellent safety record, with no lost-time occurrences.

During 2009 Treatment Plant personnel have found inflow problems through a study grant established through Tufts University and data brought together by Cappacio Engineering on the Axtell Brook Interceptor running from Tuft's property to Worcester Street. The inflow is clean water entering the treatment system taking up resources and revenue. Over the course of the year, treatment plant personnel have repaired leaks totaling approximately 46,000 gallons per day or 16,790,000 gallons annually. We continually work toward reducing, possibly eliminating any inflow or infiltration into the sewer system.

Also, during 2009, the original thirty year Bar Screen Unit at the Grafton Wastewater Treatment Plant was replaced with a Stainless Steel Galvanized Bar Screen Unit. The service life of this unit is expected to exceed thirty years. The Bar Screen Project was awarded to R. H. White Construction Company.

The Board continues to collect monies by treating Leachate from outside services. This has helped to keep user rates

down. Upon reevaluating costs versus collection, and the decrease in State funding, the Board of Sewer Commissioners at their meeting of November 23, 2009 voted to raise the Sewer Usage Rate from \$2.25 per thousand gallons to \$3.00 per thousand gallons. This increase will be effective February 2010 billing.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant, along with Wyman-Gordon and Grafton Water District, sponsored its 20th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, which was attended by many and was a tremendous success. At the Annual Collection Day, pesticides (Non-2-4, 5T) products, paints, paint thinners, oil, caustics, acids, lead-acid and calcium-acid batteries, soaps and cleaners are accepted. Tires, asbestos, medical waste, dioxin, P.C.B.'s or household garbage are not accepted. We reserve the right to decide which materials we will accept. We look forward to your attendance at the next upcoming Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

During the past year, the plant received and treated 744,490,000 gallons of sewage, a daily average of 2,039,700 gallons. Plant removal efficiency for suspended matter and Biochemical Oxygen Demand was greater than 95% greatly surpassing State and Federal guidelines. It is anticipated that Plant expansion will need to be reexamined within the future five to ten years, as Grafton continues to grow and connection to the sewer system is considered highly desirable. The Board takes pleasure in announcing that the Department enjoys a 4,500 customer base.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners meets on the first and third Mondays of each month in the Sewer Department Office at the Municipal Center. All townspeople are welcome to attend.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS  
SEWER PROJECT STAGE II –  
PLANNING AND DESIGN**

Balance in Account as of July, 2008	\$ 1,500.00
Total Transfers	\$ 68,500.00
Unexpended Balance	\$ 70,000.00

**MINOR SEWER EXTENSION &  
CONNECTION ACCOUNT**

Balance in account as of July, 2008	\$ 3,319.62
Transfer from accounts	\$ 14,832.75
Expenditures:	-0-
Total Expenditures	0-
Unexpended Balance	\$ 18,152.37

**MAJOR EQUIPMENT REPAIR/REPLACEMENT**

Balance in Account as of July, 2008	\$ 513,835.81
Transfer to account	\$ -125,000.00
Total Expenditures	-0-
Unexpended Balance	\$ 388,835.81

**ALARM SYSTEM**

Balance in Account as of July 2008	\$ 82,390.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,000.00
Unexpended Balance	\$ 74,390.00

**PLANT UPGRADE/EXPANSION**

Balance in Account as of July, 2008	\$ 176,781.00
Total Expenditures	0-
Unexpended Balance	\$ 176,781.00

**BAR SCREEN REPLACEMENT**

Balance in Account as July, 2008	\$ 461,470.00
Expenditures	
R. H. White	\$ 245,685.56
R. H. White	\$ 18,264.70
Camp Dresser & McKee	\$ 3,225.00
Camp Dresser & McKee	\$ 22,575.00
R. H. White	\$ 14,806.94
Total Expenditures	\$ 304,557.20
Unexpended Balance	\$ 156,912.80

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FISCAL YEAR 2009**

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation for Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

(Transferred from Sewer Use Receipts)	\$ 992,800.00
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Expenses:

Salaries:

Board of Sewer Commissioners	\$ 1,500.00
Superintendent	57,848.94
Administrative Personnel	50,886.21
Permanent Personnel	179,059.19
Longevity	10,023.70
Overtime	27,025.00
Energy	172,451.40
Repair & Maintenance	27,291.36
Collection Systems Maintenance	6,690.02
Sludge Disposal	236,307.79
Hazardous Waste Collection	5,996.12
Professional & Technical	36,471.05
Communications	19,557.12
Office Supplies	1,535.84
Vehicular Supplies	861.68
Laboratory Supplies	5,561.35
Chemical Supplies	14,150.74
Personal Supplies	844.33



**PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$1,000.00**

Allied Waste Services	4,151.66
Bigelow Electrical Company	7,000.00
Borden & Remington	13,246.66
Brothers Harris	1,560.50
Budge, Marlene	1,623.86
Camp Dresser & McKee	67,400.00
Capaccio Environmental Engineering, Inc.	44,505.12
Christian, Gloria	7,880.38
Creative Print Products	4,314.89
Environmental Resource Associates	1,471.67
Fisher Scientific	3,812.64
Gallagher, Daniel	13,913.29
Gauvin Supply Co., Inc.	9,781.52
Glacial Energy of New England	3,639.26
Global Montello Group Corporation	9,489.00
Grafton Police	1,138.97
W.W. Grainger, Inc.	1692.66
Hach Company	1,820.73
Harbor Controls	9,550.00
Holmes, Galen	6,458.41
Industrial Energy Services	4,294.70
Komline Sanderson	1,045.18
Lebaron Foundry	2,381.05
Mason Construction	1,864.98
M-H-Q Municipal Vehicles	31,550.00
National Grid	159,260.02
New England Bioassay Inc.	5,280.00
Nextel	1,472.84
J.P. Noonan Transp.	43,813.81
Old Colony Stationery	1,329.04
Premier Fasteners Co.	1,973.56
Schultz Lubricants	2,895.05
South Grafton Water	1,041.65
Teledyne Isco, Inc.	1,989.34
Town of Grafton/Collector of Taxes	1,944.12
UBWPAD	220,181.75
United Rentals	1,126.17
U.S. Postal Service	5,260.00
Veolia Environmental Svc.	5,996.12
Verizon	5,714.17
Worcester Elevator	1,476.00
Yeoman's Chicago Corp.	2,816.00
Zep Manufacturing Co.	1,094.60

Respectfully Submitted,

Board of Sewer Commissioners

David L. Therrien, Chairman  
Gerald F. Leblanc, Clerk  
Susan H. Duval

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ANNUAL REPORT**

Dear Citizens of Grafton:

The Board of Selectmen appointed me to serve as the Interim Town Administrator in 2008, and in May 2009 I was appointed as the full-time Town Administrator. FY09 was challenging on many levels but yielded many accomplishments that I hope to build on in FY10 and beyond. I remain grateful that the Board selected me for this position.

This report contains five sections: New Programs; Budget; Projects; Milestones; and Personnel.

**New Programs**

2009 was a year of transition and change. Implementing a new program called Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) helped offset the costs of providing curbside trash and recycling collections. The town's recycling increased substantially, thus offsetting costs associated with tipping at Wheelabrator Millbury. While it was a difficult decision and a somewhat difficult transition, Grafton residents did a great job in making this program successful. I extend a personal thank you to everyone who participated in our outreach efforts for this program.

We have conducted outreach to various parts of the community on a variety of other issues, which has given me valuable insight into expectations of people in the community. I plan on conducting at least four outreach sessions this year as well. We plan to hold open meetings to discuss warrant articles or other items of importance prior to Town Meetings.

**Budget**

Given the current fiscal situation, reaching some of the goals set by the town while maintaining our infrastructure and upkeep of capital investment may be difficult. However, with your input and support, we can reach any goal we choose to as a community. This year's budget is balanced and we have managed to offset state aid reductions once again.

As always we will be prudent with your tax dollars by negotiating favorable health insurance increases with providers, managing administrative processes such as purchasing, and managing public projects as efficiently and effectively as possible.

**Projects**

In December we established a "Town Logo" contest for students to create an image to represent the Town's contemporary identity. The Town Seal is very nice, but it is very formal and we do not have a digital version. Logos differ from seals in many ways and we would like to establish a more professional representation of the Town's identity. We have asked the GHS and Blackstone Tech students to create such a logo, and a savings bond will be awarded to the winner.

Other projects included the following:

- The Pell Farm property was acquired by the Town using Community Preservation Funds;
- The Department of Environmental Protection awarded The Town of Grafton a Grant for PAYT, which was used to help pay for technical assistance in implementing the program;
- Willard Street was repaved and the drainage project was completed;
- Brigham Hill was repaved and drainage was improved;
- A plan to provide limited handicap access to One Grafton Common and the Center Library was developed;
- A new Center Fire Station was opened, owing special thanks to the Building Committee;
- Two expired employee union contracts were settled for 5% over three years;
- A number of Employee Assistance Program trainings for staff were held throughout the year on various topics;
- Construction started at Riverview Park, which should be opened this fall;
- Software conversion for financial application was implemented;
- Roof repairs at One Grafton Common were completed;
- The exterior of South Grafton Community House was painted and windows replaced.

**Milestones**

It may not be common knowledge that the town leases space at One Grafton Common to various business and community-related organizations. We have worked hard to achieve 87% occupancy for the leasable space. Tenants pay rent to the Town and a portion of common utility costs for the entire building. The rent helps offset maintenance, which are not insignificant for such a building. Please note also that the leasing of space or the general maintenance is not outsourced in any way.

We reopened the Pleasant Street Bridge in August after it had been closed for about ten years. This was the first design build project in Massachusetts, and it was a huge success. I thank the residents in that area for being patient while we coordinated this effort with the State.

**Personnel**

Overall, we had some substantial staffing changes in 2009. These included the departure of the DPW Director, Treasurer/Collector and the Town Engineer. We have hired a new Treasurer/Collector but have refrained from hiring a DPW Di-

rector and Town Engineer until a thorough staffing analysis has been conducted.

I am excited to have the opportunity to serve as your Town Administrator and I look forward to continue making Grafton a great place to live and work. Again, I want to thank my staff, the Board of Selectmen, and the public for the warmth and support they have given to me. We may have challenges in the coming months, but working together we can overcome any issues we face.

Respectfully,  
Timothy P. McInerney

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

I hereby submit my report for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

**RECEIPTS**

<b>Miscellaneous Receipts</b>	\$4558.73
Photocopies	
Business Certificates	
Voter IDs	
Street Lists	
Recording of Cemetery Deeds	
Engineering Maps	
Raffle Permits	
Voting Lists	
Grafton History	
<b>Dog Licenses</b>	\$3107.50
Fines	
240.00	
Trust Funds	
1402.00	
<b>Pole Location Orders</b>	\$ 140.00
Massachusetts Electric	
Verizon	
<b>Town Clerk's Office Fees</b>	\$4660.00
Long Form Birth Certificates	
Marriage Certificates	
Death Certificates	
<b>Marriage Intentions</b>	\$ 940.00

### BIRTHS

1994	200	2002	198
1995	208	2003	222
1996	181	2004	230
1997	201	2005	243
1998	223	2006	240
1999	202	2007	249
2000	196	2008	222
2001	223	2009	206

### MARRIAGES

1994	98	2002	75
1995	82	2003	92
1996	89	2004	99
1997	90	2005	82
1998	93	2006	57
1999	89	2007	85
2000	89	2008	70
2001	89	2009	74

### DEATHS

1994	115	2002	90
1995	106	2003	89
1996	85	2004	99
1997	96	2005	110
1998	94	2006	97
1999	114	2007	79
2000	103	2008	84
2001	107	2009	89

### SPORTING LICENSES

Three hundred sixty-six (366) Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife licenses were issued during the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. This included licenses to fish, hunt and trap as well as archery, primitive firearms and waterfowl stamps. Total receipts collected were Seven thousand six hundred fifty-two Dollars and eighty-five cents (\$7,652.85). After deducting fees of One hundred nine dollars and ten cents (\$109.10), the balance of Six thousand one hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$6,129.00) was submitted to the State.

### DOG LICENSES

Eight hundred eighty-three (883) dog licenses were sold during the licensing period of April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. FY 2009 receipts for dog licenses were Four thousand seven hundred forty-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$4,749.50).

**ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS:** Please note that 2009 licenses expire March 31, 2010. An additional fee of \$5.00 will be charged to each owner/keeper of a dog who fails to license said dog on or before June 1st.

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

#### Appropriations

Salary & Wages	\$135,571.00
Overtime	1,400.00
Expenses	8,375.00
Transfer Amount	

**Total Expended** \$144,195.24

**Total Unexpended** 1,150.76

#### PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$500.00

Justice Hill Reporting	\$ 3,238.50
Office Depot	\$ 1,235.05
University Products	\$ 1,051.95

Respectfully submitted:  
Maureen A. Clark, Town Clerk

**GRAFTON TOWN HOUSE  
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT**

The Grafton Town House Oversight Committee (GTHOC) was established in December of 2008 and given the following charge:

*To coordinate opportunities that enable the highest and best use of the Grafton Town House; to protect the building's historic character and integrity; develop and implement marketing and development plans consistent with its historical nature with a goal of generating revenue; participate in and facilitate fundraising opportunities; direct capital improvements in concert with municipal bidding processes and with direction from the Department of Public Works, the Town Administrator, and other municipal functions, as needed.*

The GTHOC is a seven-member body made up of one member of the Board of Selectmen; two members from Apple Tree Arts; one member from the Historical District Commission and three Members at Large. Current committee members are as follows:

- Brook Padgett, Chairman – Board of Selectmen
- John Morgan, Vice Chairman – Historic District Commission
- Paul Scarlett, Clerk – Apple Tree Arts
- Dan Bresnahan – Apple Tree Arts
- Scott Browne – Member at Large
- Justin Hollander – Member at Large
- John Marro – Member at Large

During 2009, the GTHOC was focused on the following initiatives:

- **Fire Escape Project** – Restoration of the building's deteriorated fire escapes was proposed as the most economical approach to addressing this significant fire safety concern and deemed to be an immediate priority. Through a unanimous vote at the Fall Town Meeting, \$75,000 of Community Preservation Act funding was allocated for this purpose. Restoration work will be completed during the Spring/Summer of 2010.
- **Exterior Restoration Project:** Completion of the remaining exterior restoration work of the Town House (includes re-pointing of exterior brick, restoration of the windows, painting of all remaining exterior wood and re-roofing of the two vaults) was also deemed a priority. To have the best chance for securing grant funding for this effort, design schematics and construction-ready specifications were determined to be needed. Through a unanimous vote at the Fall Town Meeting, \$9,800 of Community Preservation Act funding was allocated for this purpose. These documents will be completed during 2010.
- **Accessibility Project** – The Town House is currently inaccessible to the handicapped. In light of the restora-

tion effort being undertaken, the Town will soon be required to bring the building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or face the potential for significant fines. Using funds from the building's own revolving account, the GTHOC hired Dixon Salo Architects to assist in developing the most cost-effective approach to addressing accessibility. Proposed plans were presented at public meetings held by the Historic District Commission, Board of Selectmen and Commission on Disability. Funding for this important aspect of the building's restoration, along with the necessary Town and State approvals will be pursued during 2010.

- **Market Analysis** – At the recommendation of the GTHOC, a professional real estate appraisal firm was hired to obtain accurate measurements of leasable space and determine the appropriate value for space based on the building's current condition and rate of vacancy. Also recommended to the BOS and Town Administrator was seeking out alternative cost-saving approaches to building maintenance, such as through the hiring of a maintenance company and the installation of timed/card-accessible locks.
- **Public/Private Partner Funded Phased Restoration** – The GTHOC advised the BOS and Town Administrator that the best solution for the restoration of the Town House would be the formalization of a public/private partnership with an entity, such as Apple Tree Arts, Inc., that can provide access to cultural funding that would otherwise be unavailable to the Town. It was recommended that such a partnership include as its focus the development of the Great Hall as a performing arts center since such use would provide increased tourism and benefit Grafton businesses. The GTHOC further recommended that the Town begin in earnest long-term lease negotiations with said private entity with the following general terms in mind:
  - Lease term of 50 years – The longer the duration, the better positioned the private partner will be to obtain funding.
  - Lease value of \$1/year - Reduced rate reflects value of funds raised to restore the building and the time/effort spent on coordinating the restoration project on the Town's behalf. Lessee would still be responsible for proportionate share of routine building maintenance (electricity, trash disposal, janitorial services, etc.).
  - Lease to include financial benchmarks – Private partner will need to meet certain financial benchmarks to secure the lease. This should be setup to allow for shorter durations if certain thresholds are met but full amount needed for 50 years is not achieved. Should also include an escalation/de-escalation clause if amounts are not raised within a reasonable time-frame.

Submitted by: The Grafton Town House Oversight Committee



## REPORT OF THE TOWN MODERATOR

In this elected role, I am the presiding officer at Town Meeting, open to all voters, upon which the legislative powers of the Town are exercised. This position entails regulating Town Meeting proceedings, deciding all questions of order, and making public declaration of all votes. I am also the appointing authority of our nine-member Finance Committee. Town Meeting may also determine whether the Moderator will be the appointing authority for other committees which may be called together from time to time. As of December 31, 2009, they included the six at-large members to the nine-member Secondary School Building Committee and some members of the Center Station Building Committee (fire station).

My 2008 report was inadvertently omitted from the bound 2008 Town Report, along with many others (Treasurer/Collector, Energy Study Committee, Recycle Committee, Board of Sewer Commissioners, Grafton Historical Commission, the Henry J. McNamara, Jr. Memorial Committee, and a portion of the Finance Committee's report). However, an unofficial addendum/insert was created for these omitted reports and they are also contained in the on-line version of that Town Report on Grafton's web site, [www.grafton-ma.gov](http://www.grafton-ma.gov). My 2008 report was submitted to the Town Clerk and may also be found on the Town Moderator web page.

In March 2009, I appointed Superintendant of Grafton Public Schools, Dr. Joseph Connors as an at-large member of the Secondary School Building Committee. That vacancy occurred upon the resignation of Bob Rodak whose dedicated service is greatly appreciated. That committee spent a huge amount of time working toward a long-term solution to address the space needs of the district.

During our Town Meeting of May 11, 2009, I re-appointed the following Finance Committee members to three year terms ending June 30, 2012: Don Davison, Robert Foley and David Libbey. A huge thank you goes out to the Finance Committee for all of its hard work and dedication, including countless hours spent on the annual Town budget.

Grafton held Town Meetings on May 11, 2009 and October 19, 2009. The items acted on are detailed in the bound 2009 Town Report but I will touch upon some details here. During both meetings, Police Chief Normand A. Crepeau and Fire Chief Michael Gauthier assured adequate resources for safety and order.

Daniel Concaugh served as my Deputy Moderator for both meetings. Mr. Concaugh and I met and spoke on several occasions and I thank him for his commitment. He familiarized himself with every warrant article and was prepared to preside over each meeting if necessary. That did not occur but he did preside over Article 17 at the Fall Town Meeting regarding the use of Community Preservation funds to improve access at the Center Library. I stepped down because I am a member of the Commission on Disability which endorsed the proposal which Town Meeting subsequently approved.

Prior to the Spring Town Meeting, I reviewed each of the Warrant Articles on GCTV. Interestingly enough, that stream-

ing video may still be found on its web site [www.graftontv.org](http://www.graftontv.org). A huge thanks to Rick Schultze and Bill Robidoux for their help, which is best described as gargantuan.

At our Spring Town Meeting, the anticipated overflow crowd for the "Pay as You Throw" warrant article (Article 5) did not materialize. Various media pointed out in advance that any vote would be non-binding, so it appears that many of the "one article" people chose to sit that one out. In this respect, refuse collection and disposal is an executive function of the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 28C.

Have you noticed that Town Meeting hasn't voted on an inter-municipal agreement in the past couple of years? Well, don't look for it anytime soon! The Massachusetts Legislature voted to amend certain provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 4A effective July 18, 2008. As a result, Town Meetings may no longer authorize inter-municipal agreements. That authority now rests with Boards of Selectmen. This represents one more shift in the balance of powers between the Legislative branch (Town Meeting) and the Executive branch (Board of Selectmen).

Fall Town Meeting disposed of 28 Articles in 50 minutes, the meeting having dissolved at approximately 8:20 p.m. That was a welcome relief. There were a few noteworthy things about this meeting. First, we were in the midst of H1N1 "swine flu" precautions. Hand sanitizer was available at the voter check-in tables, in addition to the portable microphones being wiped off after each speaker. The voters also scooped up the remaining copies of "A Citizen's Guide to Town Meetings" at that meeting. I had provided copies to Town Meeting since May, 2008. This guide may still be accessed on Grafton's web site.

I continue to forego my \$150.00 annual stipend (Moderator Account -114). The other line item in that account was \$300.00 for Professional and Technical; it has been used to pay the microphone runners at Town Meeting.

I continue my work as a member of the Massachusetts Moderator's Association. My current appointments are to its Legislative Committee (2008) and its Board of Directors (2009). I attended a Regional meeting on March 28, 2009 at Northborough Town Hall, hosted by Upton's Town Moderator, Mr. David Loeper and Northborough's Town Moderator, Mr. Fred George, who is the Association's current President. I then attended the Association's annual meeting on October 30, 2009 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.

The State Ethics Commission now mandates that "municipal employees" (this includes elected officials) complete an on-line educational program every two years. I completed this training on November 16, 2009, the receipt of which is on file with the Town Clerk.

I know I may inadvertently overlook some people but the following individuals were available throughout the year to answer questions, discuss issues and provide assistance: Timothy P. McInerney, Maureen Clark, Donna Girouard, Judy Demers, all of the election workers, David Libbey, Marcia Pereira, Ann Morgan, Cindy Ide, Nancy Hazen, Michelle Drumm, Lois Lunniewicz, Donald Clark, Jenn Paluzzi, Bill Robidoux, Rick



Schultze, Danielle DeLucia, Steve Libuda, Tony LeMay, Attorney Anthony E. Penski, and Attorney Ginny Kremer.

Lastly, I have begun the legwork to start archiving all of the Town Meeting videos since we began taping them at our Special Town Meeting of September 23, 1987. All would be in a DVD format and I would create additional hard copies for our Town Clerk and the Grafton Public Library. Ideally, this project would result in their availability on-line for viewing and reference, band width permitting. I look forward to a busy 2010.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger R. Trahan, Jr.  
Town Moderator

## **REPORT OF THE VETERAN'S SERVICES AGENT**

### **Who are veterans?**

A Veteran is any person, male or female, including a nurse who served in active Military or Naval services during a designated Wartime Period, and served at least 90 days, and who serviced other than Dishonorable.

### **How is a Wartime Period Determined?**

This is by an act of Congress, they set these dates. States and Veterans Organizations may set eligibility dates also as long as they are equal to the ones set by Congress.

### **Who Administers these Veterans Benefits and Laws?**

**Federal:** Department of Veterans Affairs "VA" for short  
**State:** Department of Veterans Services "VS" for short

### **Veteran's Services Mission**

The Department of Veterans Services is a state mandated service, which provides services to veterans, veterans' spouses and their dependents. Its authority is derived from Chapter 115 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. The Veterans Officer and Director of Veterans Services is Mr. Richard Perron. The office is supervised by the Office of the Secretary of Veterans Services and in part by the State for all funds expended.

The basic concept of creating fiscal assistance to veterans, veteran spouses and their dependents has its roots in legislation established in 1861. It was a concept which became a legislative way and method of paying tribute to its veterans. Services of this department are available to all Grafton veterans, veterans' spouses and their dependents.

Currently, services are being rendered on an active caseload of five, although the caseload average above this on an annual basis. This past year, the Department of Veterans Services gave no COLA increase in the Veterans Budget (Ordinary Benefits). Ordinary Benefits covers the costs of the caseload as well as burial allowances of \$2,000 per funeral. This is for

veterans without sufficient means. Assistance is also rendered in the matters for a pension, financial needs, filing claims with the Veterans Administration or Social Security, educational benefits, home loans, hospitalization and medical care, as well as at the time of the death of a veteran.

Additionally, the office is open to any veteran or service personnel who wishes to talk about any matter pertaining to his or her well-being. Visitations are made to those veterans or veteran's spouses unable to visit the office.

## **Components of the Local Budget for Veterans Services**

### **Department Head Salary** Veterans Officer

### **Ordinary Benefits**

Veterans benefits which include items pertaining to household, such as rent and fuel, leisure time allowance, personal needs, moving expenses, medical expenses, catastrophe events (fire, windstorm, floods), medical insurance, infant benefits (one time), children allowance and transportation assistance. Consolidated nursing homes, pharmacies, doctors, hospitals, fuel and dentists are now covered in this account. These benefits as well as Ordinary Benefits are reimbursable at 75% by the State.

### **District Expenses**

Including agents beeper, cellular phone, state and county veterans agent dues, subscriptions, state and county meetings, seminars and including expenses (meals, registration, lodging, mileage). District expenses are shared and reimbursed by the Towns of Grafton and Shrewsbury, as is the cost of health insurance for the veterans officer.

### **Dues**

County Veterans Agent Association Dues.

### **Meetings**

For travel/mileage expenses of veterans officer visiting sick and disabled clients.

### **Unclassified**

This line was approved at Town Meeting to cover items such as the memorial Day Parade, flags for Town facilities, i.e. Town Hall Fire Station, Police Station, DPW Facilities and War Memorials, flags for decorating Veterans graves on Memorial Day, which are reimbursable at 75% by the State.

The office is located in the Town Hall and is open Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. or by appointment on an as needed basis. The office telephone number is 508-839-5335 x 123; home 508-393-8378; and cellular 508-847-9590.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard E. Perron  
Director of Veterans Services

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
BALANCE SHEET  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009**

ACCOUNT	SCHED. ACCOUNT	CURRENT BALANCE
<b>FUND 1 GENERAL</b>		
CURRENT ASSETS		
CASH	100-1000	\$ 9,172,528.65
PETTY CASH	100-1020	\$ 1,040.00
PERS. PROPERTY PRIOR YEARS	102-1212	\$ 18,343.69
2005 PERS. PROPERTY	102-1298	\$ 3,646.31
2006 PERS. PROPERTY	102-1299	\$ 2,397.43
2007 PERS. PROPERTY	102-1302	\$ 2,020.42
2008 PERS. PROPERTY	102-1303	\$ 3,415.30
2009 PERS. PROPERTY	102-1305	\$ (2,346.96)
REAL ESTATE PRIOR YEARS	102-1226	\$ 7,461.00
2005 REAL ESTATE	102-1297	\$ 6,357.65
2006 REAL ESTATE	102-1300	\$ 55,607.38
2007 REAL ESTATE	102-1301	\$ 128,750.81
2008 REAL ESTATE	102-1304	\$ 204,309.24
2009 REAL ESTATE	102-1306	\$ 433,285.46
TAX TITLE RECEIVABLES	104-1240	\$ 170,680.73
TAX FORECLOSURES RECEIVABLE	104-1250	\$ 146,575.44
DEFERRED REAL ESTATE TAXES	104-1253	\$ 20,919.41
CONVEYANCE/ROLLBACK	104-1255	\$ (0.30)
INCOME/EXPENSE PENALTY CH59,S38D	104-1325	\$ 1,216.41
PRIOR YEAR MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	105-1274	\$ 49,647.50
2005 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	105-1287	\$ 15,574.99
2006 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	105-12006	\$ 18,849.30
2007 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	105-12007	\$ 24,434.75
2008 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	105-12008	\$ 42,077.28
2009 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	105-12009	\$ 77,656.53
2009 BOAT EXCISE	106-22009	\$ 514.00
VETERANS RECEIVABLE	107-1343	\$ 13,448.70
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$ 10,618,411.12
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 10,618,411.12
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1996 ALLOW. ABATEMENTS	103-1236	\$ 2,478.41
1997 ALLOW. ABATEMENTS	103-1237	\$ 2,539.48
1998 ALLOW ABATEMENTS	103-1247	\$ 5,386.08
1999 ALLOW. ABATEMENTS	103-1281	\$ 5,166.09
2000 ALLOW. ABATEMENTS	103-1280	\$ 5,252.27
2001 ALLOW ABATEMENTS	103-1283	\$ 8,352.89
2002 ALLOW ABATEMENTS	103-1284	\$ 7,105.94
2003 ALLOW ABATEMENTS	103-1285	\$ 9,399.40
2004 ALLOW ABATEMENTS	103-1286	\$ 54,115.85
2005 ALLOW ABATES/EXEMPTIONS	103-1288	\$ 70,536.09
2006 ALLOW ABATE/EXEMPTIONS	103-1289	\$ 82,874.26
2007 ALLOW ABATE/EXEMPTIONS	103-1316	\$ 93,048.07
2008 ALLOW ABATE/EXEMPTIONS	103-1317	\$ 9,679.38
2009 ALLOW ABATE/EXEMPTIONS	103-1318	\$ 180,080.40

ACCOUNT	SCHED. ACCOUNT	CURRENT BALANCE
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	120-2020	\$ 1,333,191.90
PREPAID PAYROLL EXP	121-1860	\$ (7,803.65)
FEDERAL INCOME TAX WITHHOLDINGS PAYABLE	121-2120	\$ 43.73
FICA WITHHOLDING	121-2121	\$ 3.00
STATE INCOME TAX WITHHOLDINGS PAYABLE	121-2130	\$ 6.29
RETIREMENT WITHHOLDINGS-COUNTY	121-2140	\$ 2,363.10
RETIREMENT WITHHOLDINGS-TEACHERS	121-2141	\$ (648.18)
GROUP HEALTH W/H	121-2150	\$ 110,181.88
INSURANCE W/H	121-2151	\$ 10,245.00
DELTA DENTAL W/H	121-2152	\$ 4,292.97
VOLUNTEER LIFE W/H	121-2153	\$ (12,225.95)
LIFE TERM W/H	121-2154	\$ (5,354.29)
TERM DISABILITY	121-2155	\$ (11,966.50)
BOSTON LIFE DISABILITY	121-2156	\$ 1,509.45
S-T DISABILITY/AFLAC	121-2157	\$ (5.40)
FLEXIBLE SPENDING W/H HEALTH CARE	121-2165	\$ (5,600.44)
FLEXIBLE SPENDING W/H DEPENDENT CARE	121-2166	\$ 8,988.98
CUSTODIAL UNION DUES W/H	121-2170	\$ (845.60)
TEACHERS UNION DUES W/H	121-2171	\$ (70.40)
POLICE UNION DUES W/H	121-2172	\$ 87.90
495 UNION DUES W/H	121-2173	\$ 348.20
CAFETERIA DUES W/H	121-2174	\$ (1,505.45)
UNION DUES WITHHELD	121-2175	\$ 10.00
ANNUITIES W/H PAYABLE	121-2181	\$ (5,238.47)
DEFERRED COMP-B W/H PAYABLE	121-2183	\$ (10,020.02)
7.5% DEF. COMP W/H	121-2184	\$ 4,933.42
UNITED WAY W/H	121-2185	\$ 24.00
7.5% DEF COMP-2 W/H	121-2186	\$ 23,119.91
GARNISH W/H	121-2192	\$ 1,523.81
ING 457	121-2195	\$ 909.27
STUDENT LOAN GARNISHMENT	121-2196	\$ 421.11
TAX GARNISHMENT	121-2197	\$ (1,133.39)
TAILINGS	122-2030	\$ 48,111.50
DEF REV PROPERTY TAXES	127-2610	\$ 327,233.12
DEF REV TAX TITLE	127-2622	\$ 170,680.73
DEF REV - TAX FORECLOSURES	127-2623	\$ 146,575.44
DEF REV DEFERRED REAL ESTATE TAXES	127-2624	\$ 20,919.41
DEF REV CONVEYANCE	127-2625	\$ (0.30)
DEF REV MOTOR VEHICLE	127-2630	\$ 228,240.35
DEF REV INCOME/EXPENSE PENALTY	127-2640	\$ 1,216.41
DEF REV BOAT EXCISE	127-2641	\$ 514.00
DEF REV INTERGOVERNMENT	127-2670	\$ 13,448.70
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$ 2,932,740.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 2,932,740.15
FUND EQUITY		
FUND BAL ENCUMBERANCE	143-3211	\$ 179,991.10
FUND BAL EXTRAORDINARY	143-3220	\$ (23,536.12)
FUND BAL EXPENDITURES	143-3240	\$ 2,705,017.54
FUND BAL PETTY CASH	143-3250	\$ 640.00
F/B TAXES PAID IN ADVANCE	143-3595	\$ 40,586.21

ACCOUNT	SCHED. ACCOUNT	CURRENT BALANCE
F/B FUTURE DEBT SERVICE	143-3596	\$ 1,376,967.74
UNDESIGNATED FUND	145-3590	\$ 3,406,004.50
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ 7,685,670.97
TOTAL LIAB. & EQUITY		\$ 10,618,411.12

#### **FUND 12 SCHOOL LUNCH**

##### **CURRENT ASSETS**

CASH	100-1000	\$ (57,481.75)
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TOTAL ASSETS		\$ (57,481.75)
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##### **CURRENT LIABILITIES**

WARRANTS PAYABLE	120-2020	\$ 20,361.80
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 20,361.80
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##### **FUND EQUITY**

FUND BAL FOR EXPENDITURES	145-3590	\$ (77,843.55)
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TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ (77,843.55)
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		\$ (57,481.75)
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#### **FUND 13 HIGHWAY GRANTS**

##### **CURRENT ASSETS**

CASH	100-1000	\$ (863,085.44)
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TOTAL ASSETS		\$ (863,085.44)
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##### **CURRENT LIABILITIES**

DUE FROM COMMONWEALTH - CH 90	112-1721	\$ (2,104,534.81)
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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	120-2020	\$ 19,768.61
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DUE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH	127-2671	\$ 2,104,534.81
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 19,768.61
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##### **FUND EQUITY**

FUND BAL DESIGNATED FOR FED & ST	143-3500	\$ (882,854.05)
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ACCOUNT	SCHED. ACCOUNT	CURRENT BALANCE
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ (882,854.05)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		\$ (863,085.44)
<b>FUND 20 GRANTS</b>		
CURRENT ASSETS		
CASH	100-1000	\$ 761,443.14
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1474	\$ 1,546.67
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1475	\$ 1,546.67
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1476	\$ 1,546.67
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1477	\$ 1,546.67
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1478	\$ 1,546.62
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1479	\$ 880.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 770,056.44
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
WARRANTS PAYABLE	120-2020	\$ 37,023.10
DEF REV BETTERMENTS - NOT YET	127-2661	\$ 8,613.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 45,636.40
FUND EQUITY		
FUND BAL FOR ENCUMBERANCES	143-3211	\$ 2,460.12
FUND BAL FOR EXPENDITURES	143-3240	\$ 668,953.37
TITLE V LOANS	143-3245	\$ 55,466.67
ENCUMBERANCES	148-3940	\$ (2,460.12)
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ 724,420.04
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		\$ 770,056.44
<b>FUND 25 SEWER ENTERPRISE</b>		
ASSETS		
CASH	100-1000	\$ 2,373,319.92
SEWER USE CHARGES REC	107-1310	\$ 46,528.71
SEWER LIEN INT	107-1311	\$ 153.59
LEACHATE FEES	107-1312	\$ 3,796.94
2007 SEWER LIENS TO TAX	107-1345	\$ 284.48
2008 SEWER LIENS TO TAX	107-1346	\$ 438.24
2009 SEWER LIENS TO TAX	107-1347	\$ 4,213.36
ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTABLE	107-1399	\$ (2,516.28)
UNAPPORTIONED BETTERMENTS	108-1410	\$ 279,221.90
DEFERRED BETTERMENTS	108-1415	\$ 183,079.80
2004 BETTERMENT TO TAX	108-1437	\$ 609.61
2005 BETTERMENT TO TAX	108-1439	\$ 725.04
2004 COMM INTEREST TO TAX	108-1457	\$ 927.39
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1472	\$ 119.91
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1473	\$ (95.63)
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1474	\$ 140,837.69
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1475	\$ 131,457.23



ACCOUNT	SCHED. ACCOUNT	CURRENT BALANCE
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1476	\$ 109,418.95
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1477	\$ 106,714.00
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1478	\$ 106,131.90
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1479	\$ 98,286.30
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1480	\$ 96,427.63
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1481	\$ 90,374.91
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1482	\$ 90,337.61
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1483	\$ 86,776.03
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1484	\$ 86,776.08
APPORTIONED BETTERMENT NOT YET DUE	108-1485	\$ 822.83
INTEREST BETTER. APPORTIONED NOT DUE	108-1490	\$ 551.45
2005 COM INT TO TAX BETTERMENT	108-1492	\$ 537.14
2006 APPOR BETTERMENT ADDED TO TAX	108-1496	\$ 3,512.16
2006 COMMITTED INTEREST TO TAX	108-1497	\$ 1,696.64
2007 APPOR BETTERMENT ADDED TO TAX	108-1498	\$ 4,117.58
2007 COMMITTED INTEREST TO TAX	108-1499	\$ 1,959.79
2008 APPOR BETTERMENT ADDED TO TAX	108-1500	\$ 6,400.25
2008 COMMITTED INTEREST TO TAX	108-1501	\$ 2,591.93
2009 APPOR BETTERMENT ADDED TO TAX	108-1503	\$ 11,196.79
2009 COMMITTED INTEREST TO TAX	108-1504	\$ 4,251.32
2009 DEFERRED BETTERMENT TO TAX	108-1505	\$ (2,648.75)
TAX TITLE LIENS DUE FROM GEN FUND	112-1750	\$ 41,148.02

ACCOUNT	SCHED. ACCOUNT	CURRENT BALANCE
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$ 4,110,482.46
FIXED ASSETS		
PLANT	113-1930	\$ 7,962,000.00
INFRASTRUCTURE	113-1931	\$ 21,853,000.00
ACC. DEPRECIATION PLANT	113-1938	\$ (7,560,200.00)
ACC. DEPRECIATION INFRASTRUCTURE	113-1939	\$ (10,418,510.07)
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	113-1940	\$ 263,634.35
ACC. DEPRECIATION MACHINERY & EQUIP	113-1949	\$ (213,581.55)
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		\$ 11,886,342.73
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 15,996,825.19
LIABILITIES		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	120-2020	\$ 67,610.67
DEF REVENUE TAX TITLE	127-2622	\$ 41,148.02
DEF REV UNAPPOR BETTERMENT	127-2651	\$ 279,221.90
DEF REV SEWER LIENS	127-2653	\$ 5,089.67
DEF REV DEF BETTERMENTS	127-2654	\$ 183,079.80
DEF REV CURR BETTERMENTS	127-2660	\$ 35,876.89
DEF REV BETTERMENT NOT DUE	127-2661	\$ 1,144,936.89
SEWER PROJECT, 1998 4.4%	130-2914	\$ 1,320,000.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$ 3,076,963.84
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 3,076,963.84
FUND EQUITY		
F/B ENCUMBERANCE	143-3211	\$ 2,270.00
F/B EXPENDITURES	143-3240	\$ 22,012.74
NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL	144-3001	\$ 10,560,448.38
F/B RESERVED FOR ARTICLES	144-3305	\$ 1,274,298.94
F/B RESERVED FOR BETTERMENT	144-3306	\$ 892,474.23
UNDESIGNATED F/B	145-3590	\$ 168,357.06
TOTAL EQUITY		\$ 12,919,861.35
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		\$ 15,996,825.19
<b>FUND 28 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION</b>		
CURRENT ASSETS		
CASH	100-1000	\$ 1,164,751.38
2004 CPA SURCHARGE	102-1601	\$ 32.85
2005 CPA SURCHARGE	102-1603	\$ (903.48)
2006 CPA SURCHARGE	102-1604	\$ 487.04
2007 CPA SURCHARGE	102-1605	\$ 1,237.09
2008 CPA SURCHARGE	102-1606	\$ 1,530.85
2009 CPA SURCHARGE	102-1607	\$ 4,774.50
TAX TITLE RECEIVABLE	104-1240	\$ 214.38
AMTS T/B PROVIDED FOR PAYMENTS-BANS	113-1996	\$ 1,155,000.00

ACCOUNT	SCHED. ACCOUNT	CURRENT BALANCE
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 2,327,124.61
LIABILITIES		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	122-2020	\$ 10,869.26
DEFERRED REVENUE TAX TITLE	127-2622	\$ 214.38
DEFERRED REVENUE - SURCHARGE	127-2626	\$ 7,158.85
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES PAYABLE	128-2720	\$ 1,155,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 1,173,242.49
FUND EQUITY		
F/B EXPENDITURES	143-3240	\$ 585,382.64
F/B HISTORIC RESOURCES	143-3261	\$ 3,300.00
F/B AFFORDABLE HOUSING	143-3262	\$ 18.00
F/B TAXES PAID IN ADVANCE	143-3595	\$ 512.11
F/B RESERVED FOR FUTURE DEBT SERVICE	143-3596	\$ 2,978.61
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	145-3590	\$ 561,690.76
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ 1,153,882.12
TOTAL LIABILITY & EQUITY		\$ 2,327,124.61
<b>FUND 29 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE</b>		
ASSETS		
CASH	100-1000	\$ 2,657,432.44
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 2,657,432.44
LIABILITIES		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	120-2020	\$ 38,121.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 38,121.90
FUND EQUITY		
F/B ENCUMBERANCE	143-3211	\$ 25,867.87
F/B EXPENDITURES	143-3240	\$ 2,619,310.54
ENCUMBRANCES	148-3940	\$ (25,867.87)
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ 2,619,310.54
TOTAL LIABILITES & EQUITY		\$ 2,657,432.44
<b>FUND 30 CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>		
ASSETS		
CASH	100-1000	\$ 2,600,108.39
AMT TO BE PROVIDED- BONDS	113-1996	\$ 300,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 2,900,108.39

ACCOUNT	SCHED. ACCOUNT	CURRENT BALANCE
LIABILITIES		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	120-2020	\$ 86,615.72
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES	128-2720	\$ 300,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 386,615.72

ACCOUNT	SCHED. ACCOUNT	CURRENT BALANCE
FUND EQUITY		
F/B RES FOR ENCUMBRANCES	143-3211	\$ 25,263.57
F/B RES FOR EXPENDITURES	143-3240	\$ 2,513,492.67
ENCUMBRANCES	148-3940	\$ (25,263.57)
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ 2,513,492.67
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		\$ 2,900,108.39
<b>FUND 82 NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST</b>		
ASSETS		
CASH	100-1000	\$ 674,025.12
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 674,025.12
FUND EQUITY		
F/B RESERVED	143-3240	\$ 674,025.12
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ 674,025.12
<b>FUND 84 EXPENDABLE TRUSTS</b>		
CASH	100-1000	\$ 3,790,031.59
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 3,790,031.59
FUND EQUITY		
F/B EXPENDITURES	143-3240	\$ 3,790,031.59
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ 3,790,031.59
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		\$ 3,790,031.59
<b>FUND 89 AGENCY</b>		
ASSETS		
CASH	100-1000	\$ 366,883.91
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 366,883.91
LIABILITIES		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	120-2020	\$ 559.75
UPTON/MENDON DEPOSIT	122-124-2426	\$ 3,000.00
FERRY RIDGE SURITY FORFEIT	122-136-2433	\$ 16,660.02
CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE BOND	145-126-2428	\$ 58,124.00
DUE TO COMMONWEALTH MA-FISHING/WILD	161-124-2420	\$ (559.75)
MISCOE FARMS/KD BUILDERS	175-133-2436	\$ 33,669.47
DUE TO GRAFTON NEWS - HEARING NOTICES	175-135-2435	\$ 828.00
DUE TO COMMONWEALTH MA-FIREARMS	210-124-2420	\$ 2,075.00
MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUND	300-123-0020	\$ 62,487.72
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUND	300-123-0505	\$ 42,489.75



ACCOUNT	SCHED. ACCOUNT	CURRENT BALANCE
DESTINATION IMAGINATION	300-129-2561	\$ (16,069.82)
HIGHPOINT ESTATES OFFSITE WATER MAIN	420-132-2432	\$ 163,569.77
DUE TO WATER DISTRICT	510-124-2425	\$ 50.00
 TOTAL LIABILITIES		 \$ 366,883.91

ACCOUNT	SCHED. ACCOUNT	CURRENT BALANCE
<b>FUND 91 LONG TERM DEBT</b>		
BONDS AUTHORIZED	116-1980	\$ 1,595,857.00
BONDS AUTHORIZED-UNISSUED	116-1989	\$ (1,595,857.00)
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED		
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	130-2923	\$ (1,900,000.00)
MODULAR CLASSROOMS	130-2924	\$ (750,000.00)
POLICE/FIRE STATION	130-2946	\$ (3,000,000.00)
PELL PROPERTY-COMMUNITY PRESERVATION	130-2940	\$ (1,155,000.00)
TITLE V - SEPTIC SYSTEMS LOANS	130-2943	\$ (46,242.00)
FIRE STATION 2009	130-2950	\$ (5,500,000.00)
TOTAL AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED		\$ (12,351,242.00)
BONDS PAYABLE		
BONDS AUTHORIZED, ELEMENTARY SCH 2000	146-3767	\$ 1,900,000.00
BONDS AUTHORIZED, TITLE V-SEPTIC LOANS	146-3768	\$ 46,242.00
BONDS AUTH POLICE/FIRE STATIONS	146-3774	\$ 3,000,000.00
FIRE STATION 2009	146-3775	\$ 5,500,000.00
PELL PROPERTY-COMMUNITY PRESERVATION	146-3776	\$ 1,155,000.00
BONDS AUTH MODULAR CLASSROOMS	146-3777	\$ 750,000.00
TOTAL BONDS PAYABLE		\$ 12,351,242.00

**APPROPRIATION BALANCES****JUNE 30,2009**

<b>MODERATOR</b>	<b>APPROP</b>	<b>TRANSFER</b>	<b>EXPENDED</b>	<b>ENCUMB.</b>	<b>UNEXPENDED</b>
SALARY	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
EXPENSES	300.00	0.00	177.00	0.00	123.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>450.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>177.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>273.00</b>
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>					
SALARY	56,548.00	491.33	57,039.33	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES	15,950.00	0.00	13,135.21	0.00	2,814.79
MUNICIPAL/SCH FACILITIES COMM.	2,946.00	0.00	0.00	2,946.00	0.00
VACATION AND SICK BUYBACK	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.00
PRIOR YEAR BILLS	7,135.83	0.00	5,204.85	1,930.98	0.00
PERSONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE	1,143.27	0.00	0.00	1,143.27	0.00
TOWN ENGINEERING EXPENSE	72,684.38	0.00	0.00	72,684.38	0.00
B/V VOCA REG SCH ASSESS	895,628.10	0.00	886,296.00	9,332.10	0.00
CLASSIFICATION PLAN - ARTICLE	3,883.48	0.00	0.00	3,883.48	0.00
B/V SCHOOL DEBT	73,857.00	0.00	73,857.00	0.00	0.00
ORGANIZATIONAL STUDY	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,144,776.26</b>	<b>491.33</b>	<b>1,050,532.39</b>	<b>91,920.41</b>	<b>2,814.79</b>
<b>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</b>					
SALARY	177,072.00	529.00	177,601.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES	32,050.00	0.00	28,063.40	329.49	3,657.11
ART 6, 08 - SALARY INC. 2009	300,917.00	-37,392.69	0.00	263,524.31	0.00
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RAISES	4,985.15	0.00	0.00	4,985.15	0.00
FUEL HEATING COSTS	5,033.74	0.00	0.00	5,033.74	0.00
GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
TOWN ADMININSTRATOR GIS	11,202.87	-11,202.87	0.00	0.00	0.00
ART 9, 5/08 - GIS DRAINAGE	25,800.00	0.00	0.00	25,800.00	0.00
PLANIMETRIC	955.76	0.00	0.00	955.76	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>564,016.52</b>	<b>-48,066.56</b>	<b>205,664.40</b>	<b>306,628.45</b>	<b>3,657.11</b>
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>					
SALARY	7,464.00	0.00	6,303.15	0.00	1,160.85
EXPENSES	5,350.00	1,362.04	6,712.04	0.00	0.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,814.00</b>	<b>1,362.04</b>	<b>13,015.19</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,160.85</b>
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>					
EXPENSES	75,000.00	-12,162.04	0.00	0.00	62,837.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75,000.00</b>	<b>-12,162.04</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>62,837.96</b>
<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>					
SALARY	101,973.00	1,167.17	102,607.81	0.00	532.36
EXPENSES	9,088.00	0.00	6,546.65	216.06	2,325.29
NEW EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FINANCIAL SOFTWARE	100,000.00	0.00	56,376.35	43,623.65	0.00
ART 13, 10/08-SFT/HARDWARE	0.00	35,000.00	8,839.20	26,160.80	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>211,061.00</b>	<b>36,167.17</b>	<b>174,370.01</b>	<b>70,000.51</b>	<b>2,857.65</b>

<b>ASSESSORS</b>	<b>APPROP</b>	<b>TRANSFER</b>	<b>EXPENDED</b>	<b>ENCUMB.UNEXPENDED</b>	
SALARY	124,035.00	1,737.59	125,688.02	0.00	84.57
EXPENSES	21,674.00	0.00	17,136.03	1,000.00	3,537.97
NEW EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RES. FIELD CARD VERIFICATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PERSONAL PROPERTY REVAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
REAL ESTATE REVALUATION	45,000.00	0.00	9,425.00	35,575.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>190,709.00</b>	<b>1,737.59</b>	<b>152,249.05</b>	<b>36,575.00</b>	<b>3,622.54</b>
<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b>					
SALARY	204,352.00	-2,562.82	198,983.85	0.00	2,805.33
EXPENSES	104,865.00	25,000.00	125,829.20	1,009.52	3,026.28
EQUIPMENT OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
STATE BOARD OF RETIREMENT	2,152.28	0.00	2,152.28	0.00	0.00
ART 9, 5/08 - GASB 45 (POST RET.)	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>331,369.28</b>	<b>22,437.18</b>	<b>326,965.33</b>	<b>21,009.52</b>	<b>5,831.61</b>
<b>LEGAL</b>					
EXPENSES	207,000.00	130,000.00	323,555.57	2,715.00	10,729.43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>207,000.00</b>	<b>130,000.00</b>	<b>323,555.57</b>	<b>2,715.00</b>	<b>10,729.43</b>
<b>COURT JUDGEMENTS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TEMPORARY STAFF</b>					
SALARIES	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES	5,000.00	-4,000.00	921.00	0.00	79.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,921.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>79.00</b>
<b>MIS/GIS</b>					
EXPENSES	82,408.00	0.00	73,025.58	7,339.29	2,043.13
ART 14, 10/08 - SERVER	0.00	15,000.00	12,179.42	2,820.58	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82,408.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>85,205.00</b>	<b>10,159.87</b>	<b>2,043.13</b>
<b>COPIERS</b>					
EXPENSES	25,000.00	0.00	22,219.84	0.00	2,780.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>22,219.84</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,780.16</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>					
SALARY	136,971.00	1,384.03	137,754.03	0.00	601.00
EXPENSES	8,375.00	0.00	7,596.33	653.85	124.82
NEW EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>145,346.00</b>	<b>1,384.03</b>	<b>145,350.36</b>	<b>653.85</b>	<b>725.82</b>
<b>ELECT &amp; REGISTRATION</b>					
SALARY	16,475.00	0.00	12,987.44	0.00	3,487.56
EXPENSES	18,300.00	0.00	18,033.88	0.00	266.12
NEW EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,775.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>31,021.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,753.68</b>
<b>CABLE TV</b>					
EXPENSES	2,884.00	0.00	2,279.98	0.00	604.02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,884.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,279.98</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>604.02</b>

<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	<b>APPROP</b>	<b>TRANSFER</b>	<b>EXPENDED</b>	<b>ENCUMB.</b>	<b>UNEXPENDED</b>
SALARY	69,898.00	653.56	70,510.50	0.00	41.06
EXPENSES	9,350.00	0.00	2,464.78	0.00	6,885.22
NEW EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CONSERVATION CONSULT	6,188.78	0.00	0.00	6,188.78	0.00
CONSERVATION WETLANDS	30,213.37	0.00	395.83	29,817.54	0.00
DREDGING LAKE RIPPLE	409,901.57	0.00	17,765.24	392,136.33	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>525,551.72</b>	<b>653.56</b>	<b>91,136.35</b>	<b>428,142.65</b>	<b>6,926.28</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>					
SALARY	153,556.00	1,527.35	154,204.07	0.00	879.28
EXPENSES	11,486.00	0.00	6,934.09	4,101.25	450.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>165,042.00</b>	<b>1,527.35</b>	<b>161,138.16</b>	<b>4,101.25</b>	<b>1,329.94</b>
<b>APPEALS BOARD</b>					
SALARY	4,779.00	0.00	1,120.02	0.00	3,658.98
EXPENSES	2,000.00	800.00	2,616.99	0.00	183.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,387,966.44</b>	<b>5,161.82</b>	<b>508,286.03</b>	<b>864,487.80</b>	<b>20,354.43</b>
<b>EC. DEV. COMMISSION</b>					
EXPENSES	4,000.00	0.00	376.90	0.00	3,623.10
ECONOMIC DEVELOP COMM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>376.90</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,623.10</b>
<b>FARNUMSVILLE FIRE HOUSE</b>					
EXPENSES	3,100.00	0.00	1,219.40	0.00	1,880.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,219.40</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,880.60</b>
<b>S.G.C.H</b>					
SALARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES	14,500.00	0.00	13,228.57	175.46	1,095.97
HVAC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>13,228.57</b>	<b>175.46</b>	<b>1,095.97</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL CENTER</b>					
SALARY	95,443.00	921.72	93,379.79	0.00	2,984.93
EXPENSES	225,000.00	10,000.00	223,944.95	4,319.54	6,735.51
NEW EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RECORD STORAGE/MGT	5,840.04	0.00	0.00	5,840.04	0.00
GYMNASIUM LEAKS	9,850.00	0.00	8,546.40	1,303.60	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>336,133.04</b>	<b>10,921.72</b>	<b>325,871.14</b>	<b>11,463.18</b>	<b>9,720.44</b>
<b>FACILITIES</b>					
FIRE/SECURITY ALARMS	71,000.00	0.00	0.00	71,000.00	0.00
HENNESSEY BARN DEMO	3,840.00	-3,840.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ART 9, 5/08 - RADON MITIGATION	60,000.00	0.00	2,340.36	57,659.64	0.00
ONE GRAFTON COMMON ROOF	102,475.00	0.00	71,190.12	31,284.88	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>237,315.00</b>	<b>-3,840.00</b>	<b>73,530.48</b>	<b>159,944.52</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>FUEL/GASOLINE</b>					
EXPENSES	100,000.00	20,000.00	110,723.05	0.00	9,276.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>110,723.05</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9,276.95</b>



<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>	<b>APPROP</b>	<b>TRANSFER</b>	<b>EXPENDED</b>	<b>ENCUMB.UNEXPENDED</b>	
RETIREMENT AND PENSION	959,318.00	-19,178.84	940,139.16	0.00	0.00
MEDICARE/FICA	270,042.00	0.00	293,578.12	0.00	-23,536.12
GROUP LIFE INSURANCE	8,100.00	0.00	5,936.13	0.00	2,163.87
GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	2,819,760.00	0.00	2,321,657.00	8,213.00	489,890.00
AUDITING SERVICES	23,500.00	0.00	23,500.00	0.00	0.00
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	3,500.00	0.00	1,858.00	0.00	1,642.00
TOWN REPORT	6,000.00	0.00	2,793.66	0.00	3,206.34
AMBULANCE	103,500.00	0.00	103,500.00	0.00	0.00
HYDRANT RENTAL	55,350.00	0.00	47,850.00	0.00	7,500.00
HYDRANT RENT SO GRAFTON	17,800.00	0.00	17,800.00	0.00	0.00
MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSES	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMM	950.00	0.00	114.73	296.00	539.27
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	1,750.00	0.00	55.00	0.00	1,695.00
WAREP MEMBERSHIP	10,100.00	0.00	4,889.00	0.00	5,211.00
TOWN INSURANCE	510,000.00	-105,000.00	394,677.19	0.00	10,322.81
MEDICAID CLAIM PROCESSING	11,000.00	0.00	4,525.45	3,695.64	2,778.91
HASS. WOODS MGT COMM	1,500.00	0.00	801.57	650.00	48.43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,805,170.00</b>	<b>-124,178.84</b>	<b>4,166,675.01</b>	<b>12,854.64</b>	<b>501,461.51</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>10,611,387.26</b>	<b>58,596.35</b>	<b>7,989,711.53</b>	<b>2,020,832.11</b>	<b>659,439.97</b>
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>					
SALARY	1,553,521.00	7,611.57	1,539,608.31	0.00	21,524.26
EXPENSES	135,650.00	5,000.00	135,609.67	2,213.00	2,827.33
REPLACE EQUIPMENT	26,700.00	0.00	23,559.00	0.00	3,141.00
REPLACE EQUIPMENT - OTHER	3,800.00	0.00	3,721.77	0.00	78.23
UPGRADE RADIO SYSTEM	15,021.82	0.00	1,152.00	13,869.82	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,734,692.82</b>	<b>12,611.57</b>	<b>1,703,650.75</b>	<b>16,082.82</b>	<b>27,570.82</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>					
SALARY	280,832.00	528.09	257,215.29	3,702.50	20,442.30
EXPENSES	123,706.00	0.00	113,139.53	0.00	10,566.47
NEW EQUIPMENT	5,400.00	0.00	5,088.00	0.00	312.00
REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	64,600.00	0.00	64,164.79	0.00	435.21
FIRE ALARM	7,710.00	-7,710.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COMPRESSED AIR SYSTEM	135.00	-135.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
REPLACE TRUCK #6	250,000.00	0.00	250,000.00	0.00	0.00
ART8 8/07 - FIRE CAR # 1	38.26	-38.26	0.00	0.00	0.00
INSURANCE SUPPLEMENT	18,183.95	0.00	3,672.00	14,511.95	0.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREMENT	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>756,605.21</b>	<b>-7,355.17</b>	<b>693,279.61</b>	<b>24,214.45</b>	<b>31,755.98</b>
<b>INSP OF BUILDINGS</b>					
SALARY	140,749.00	1,270.63	138,722.09	0.00	3,297.54
EXPENSES	5,000.00	0.00	2,644.87	0.00	2,355.13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>145,749.00</b>	<b>1,270.63</b>	<b>141,366.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,652.67</b>
<b>GAS INSPECTOR</b>					
SALARY	8,626.00	0.00	8,331.04	0.00	294.96
EXPENSES	500.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,126.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,531.04</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>594.96</b>
<b>PLUMBING INSPECTOR</b>					
SALARY	15,473.00	0.00	15,178.00	0.00	295.00
EXPENSES	700.00	0.00	225.00	0.00	475.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,173.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>15,403.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>770.00</b>

<b>SEALER OF WEIGHTS</b>	<b>APPROP</b>	<b>TRANSFER</b>	<b>EXPENDED</b>	<b>ENCUMB.UNEXPENDED</b>	
SALARY	7,296.00	0.00	7,296.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES	200.00	0.00	176.82	0.00	23.18
NEW EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,496.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,472.82</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>23.18</b>
<b>WIRING INSPECTOR</b>					
SALARY	19,204.00	0.00	19,013.00	0.00	191.00
EXPENSES	820.00	0.00	258.85	0.00	561.15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,024.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,271.85</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>752.15</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>					
EXPENSES	13,000.00	0.00	7,938.80	0.00	5,061.20
NEW EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,938.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,061.20</b>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>					
SALARY	6,602.00	0.00	6,602.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES	690.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	390.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,292.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,602.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>390.00</b>
<b>ANIMAL INSPECTOR</b>					
SALARY	815.00	0.00	0.00	815.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>815.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>815.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>2,711,973.03</b>	<b>6,527.03</b>	<b>2,603,516.83</b>	<b>41,412.27</b>	<b>73,570.96</b>
<b>PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>					
BUDGET	21,522,935.00	0.00	20,491,372.71	64,701.74	966,860.55
ART 9, 5/08 - GHS ROOF	300,000.00	0.00	300,000.00	0.00	0.00
ART 8, 06-DMS FURNACE	39,500.00	-39,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEASIB./DESIGN - SBC	10,796.58	0.00	424.36	10,372.22	0.00
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>	<b>21,873,231.58</b>	<b>-39,500.00</b>	<b>20,791,797.07</b>	<b>75,073.96</b>	<b>966,860.55</b>
<b>ENGINEERING</b>					
SALARY	132,644.00	-18,723.98	113,168.22	0.00	751.80
EXPENSES	33,500.00	0.00	20,865.97	2,980.00	9,654.03
ASSESS ROADS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ART 4, 5/08 STM - FOLLETTE	11,431.15	0.00	11,431.15	0.00	0.00
ART 9, 5/08 - DEP/FOLLETTE	157,000.00	25,000.00	61,559.66	120,440.34	0.00
ART 14, 5/08 STM-LAKE RIPPLE	42,000.00	0.00	16,079.00	25,921.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>376,575.15</b>	<b>6,276.02</b>	<b>223,104.00</b>	<b>149,341.34</b>	<b>10,405.83</b>
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>					
SALARY	738,288.00	5,527.57	712,140.19	0.00	31,675.38
EXPENSES	368,600.00	0.00	368,551.94	8.37	39.69
EQUIPMENT OUTLAY	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
BRIDGE REPAIRS	47,246.73	0.00	0.00	47,246.73	0.00
VARIOUS DAMS	5,951.00	0.00	0.00	5,951.00	0.00
LONG RANGE SIDEWALK	79,687.36	0.00	44,637.45	35,049.91	0.00
LONG RANGE DRAINAGE	78,423.37	0.00	13,957.04	64,466.33	0.00
ART 9, 5/08 - SPREADERS	67,000.00	0.00	66,800.00	200.00	0.00
ART 15, 10/08 SPREADERS	11,184.87	13,815.13	24,785.00	215.00	0.00
SHED REPAIRS	18,000.00	0.00	18,000.00	0.00	0.00

	<b>APPROP</b>	<b>TRANSFER</b>	<b>EXPENDED</b>	<b>ENCUMB.</b>	<b>UNEXPENDED</b>
DRAINAGE UPGRADES	130,720.80	0.00	66,451.41	64,269.39	0.00
STREETSCAPE SOUTH GRAFTON	35,000.00	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	0.00
ONE TON TRUCK	1,389.00	-1,389.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,586,491.13</b>	<b>17,953.70</b>	<b>1,320,323.03</b>	<b>252,406.73</b>	<b>31,715.07</b>
<b>SANITATION</b>					
SALARY	13,307.00	130.16	13,230.30	0.00	206.86
EXPENSES	1,274,000.00	-55,397.18	903,603.06	4,424.74	310,575.02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,287,307.00</b>	<b>-55,267.02</b>	<b>916,833.36</b>	<b>4,424.74</b>	<b>310,781.88</b>
<b>SNOW AND ICE CONTROL</b>					
SALARIES	65,810.70	0.00	65,810.70	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES	323,902.73	0.00	323,902.73	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>389,713.43</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>389,713.43</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>					
EXPENSES	63,000.00	0.00	50,896.35	0.00	12,103.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>50,896.35</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,103.65</b>
<b>CEMETERY DIVISION</b>					
SALARY	193,046.00	1,139.93	180,206.34	0.00	13,979.59
EXPENSES	70,000.00	0.00	60,591.82	0.00	9,408.18
EQUIPMENT OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AIRPORT PARK RECON	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RIVERVIEW PARK RECON	236,065.40	0.00	6,219.14	229,846.26	0.00
TOWN COMMON REP/MAIN	6,038.68	0.00	3,543.56	2,495.12	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>505,150.08</b>	<b>1,139.93</b>	<b>250,560.86</b>	<b>232,341.38</b>	<b>23,387.77</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>4,208,236.79</b>	<b>-29,897.37</b>	<b>3,151,431.03</b>	<b>638,514.19</b>	<b>388,394.20</b>
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>					
SALARY	101,353.00	984.16	101,563.20	0.00	773.96
EXPENSES	58,000.00	0.00	43,001.82	0.00	14,998.18
HEPATITIS IMMUNIZATION	107.50	0.00	0.00	107.50	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>159,460.50</b>	<b>984.16</b>	<b>144,565.02</b>	<b>107.50</b>	<b>15,772.14</b>
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>					
SALARY	153,472.00	1,458.96	148,361.12	0.00	6,569.84
EXPENSES	11,757.00	0.00	10,785.13	0.00	971.87
NEW EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>165,229.00</b>	<b>1,458.96</b>	<b>159,146.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,541.71</b>
<b>TOGETHER WE CAN</b>					
EXPENSES	4,500.00	0.00	3,224.10	0.00	1,275.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,224.10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,275.90</b>
<b>VETERANS</b>					
SALARY	11,229.00	112.30	11,341.30	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES	17,287.00	1,800.00	18,844.65	0.00	242.35
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	5,000.00	0.00	3,538.00	0.00	1,462.00
VETERANS FLAGS & PLAQUES	2,261.73	0.00	0.00	2,261.73	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35,777.73</b>	<b>1,912.30</b>	<b>33,723.95</b>	<b>2,261.73</b>	<b>1,704.35</b>

<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>APPROP</b>	<b>TRANSFER</b>	<b>EXPENDED</b>	<b>ENCUMB.UNEXPENDED</b>	
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX BILLS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MV PARKING SURCHARGE	13,740.00	0.00	12,340.00	0.00	1,400.00
ENERGY CONSERVATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
REGIONAL TRANSIT	4,977.00	0.00	4,977.00	0.00	0.00
SPECIAL EDUCATION	1,887.00	0.00	184.00	0.00	1,703.00
SCHOOL CHOICE	113,193.00	0.00	133,262.00	0.00	-20,069.00
CHARTER SCHOOLS	54,364.00	0.00	204,272.00	0.00	-149,908.00
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL	4,644.00	0.00	4,644.00	0.00	0.00
METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MBTA	105,382.00	0.00	105,382.00	0.00	0.00
COUNTY TAX	18,666.00	0.00	18,666.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>316,853.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>483,727.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-166,874.00</b>
<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>681,820.23</b>	<b>4,355.42</b>	<b>824,386.32</b>	<b>2,369.23</b>	<b>-140,579.90</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>					
SALARY	346,886.00	-15,672.90	305,995.21	0.00	25,217.89
EXPENSES	134,000.00	18,685.00	144,317.10	4,595.33	3,772.57
EQUIPMENT OUTLAY	6,700.00	0.00	934.15	3,903.85	1,862.00
ART8, 06-CHILD RM RENO	2,230.40	0.00	0.00	2,230.40	0.00
MASONRY REPOINTING	49,753.29	0.00	11,990.00	37,763.29	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>539,569.69</b>	<b>3,012.10</b>	<b>463,236.46</b>	<b>48,492.87</b>	<b>30,852.46</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>					
SALARY	173,710.00	1,105.75	173,198.23	0.00	1,617.52
EXPENSES	33,000.00	0.00	18,500.00	14,500.00	0.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RIVERVIEW EQUIPMENT	35,000.00	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	0.00
EQUIP - NORCROSS PARK	2,105.00	0.00	0.00	2,105.00	0.00
PARKS REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	744.00	0.00	0.00	744.00	0.00
ART8, 06-DOCK REPLMNT	2,484.00	0.00	0.00	2,484.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>247,043.00</b>	<b>1,105.75</b>	<b>191,698.23</b>	<b>54,833.00</b>	<b>1,617.52</b>
<b>NELSON LIBRARY</b>					
SALARY	19,998.00	162.54	19,991.84	0.00	168.70
EXPENSES	15,950.00	0.00	7,743.89	348.27	7,857.84
NEW EQUIPMENT	2,000.00		0.00	0.00	2,000.00
ART 12,10/07-BLDG REPAIR/MAINT	23,383.00	0.00	7,500.00	15,883.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61,331.00</b>	<b>162.54</b>	<b>35,235.73</b>	<b>16,231.27</b>	<b>10,026.54</b>
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>847,943.69</b>	<b>4,280.39</b>	<b>690,170.42</b>	<b>119,557.14</b>	<b>42,496.52</b>
<b>RETIREMENT OF DEBT</b>					
PRINCIPAL ON LONG-TERM DEBT	1,434,212.00	0.00	1,430,000.00	0.00	4,212.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,434,212.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,430,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,212.00</b>
<b>INTEREST</b>					
INT. ON LONG-TERM DEBT	629,846.00	-195,455.56	434,390.00	0.00	0.44
INT. ON SHORT-TERM DEBT	0.00	195,455.56	195,455.56	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>629,846.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>629,845.56</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.44</b>
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>2,064,058.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,059,845.56</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,212.44</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>42,998,650.58</b>	<b>4,361.82</b>	<b>38,110,858.76</b>	<b>2,897,758.90</b>	<b>1,994,394.74</b>

**APPROPRIATION BALANCES****JUNE 30,2009**

<b>SEWER DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>APPROP</b>	<b>TRANSFER</b>	<b>EXPENDED</b>	<b>ENCUMB.</b>	<b>UNEXPENDED</b>
SALARY	350,400.00	2,000.00	331,686.04	0.00	20,713.96
EXPENSES	642,400.00	-22,012.74	514,300.40	2,270.00	103,816.86
EQUIPMENT OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INDIRECT EXPENSE	505,240.00	0.00	505,240.00	0.00	0.00
PRIOR YEAR BILLS	6.95	0.00	6.95	0.00	0.00
ARCADIA PUMP STATION	3,816.00	0.00	3,728.63	87.37	0.00
WETLAND TREATMENT SYSTEM	27,230.00	-27,230.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
STRATTON RD SEWER LINE	26,070.69	0.00	0.00	26,070.69	0.00
MASONRY BLOCK ACCOUNT	8,615.00	0.00	0.00	8,615.00	0.00
ALARM SYSTEM	82,390.00	0.00	8,000.00	74,390.00	0.00
SEWER OVERFLOW REPAIR	20,000.00	27,230.00	0.00	47,230.00	0.00
O&M EMERGENCY	47,064.00	5,410.00	0.00	52,474.00	0.00
PLANT UPGRADE/EXPANSION	176,781.00	0.00	0.00	176,781.00	0.00
MAJOR EQUIP REPAIR/REPLACE	513,835.81	-125,000.00	0.00	388,835.81	0.00
BAR SCREEN REPLACEMENT	400,000.00	125,000.00	63,530.00	461,470.00	0.00
TRUCK WITH PLOW	5,410.00	-5,410.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PICKUP WITH PLOW	35,000.00	0.00	31,550.00	3,450.00	0.00
SALARY INC.	10,512.00	-2,000.00	0.00	8,512.00	0.00
GIS IMPROVE LAYERS	30,000.00	0.00	3,616.93	26,383.07	0.00
TOTAL	2,884,771.45	-22,012.74	1,461,658.95	1,276,568.94	124,530.82
					0.00
<b>TOTAL SEWER DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>2,884,771.45</b>	<b>-22,012.74</b>	<b>1,461,658.95</b>	<b>1,276,568.94</b>	<b>124,530.82</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Fay  
Town Accountant



# TOWN OF GRAFTON EMPLOYEE WAGE LISTINGS

Last Name	First Name	Gross
ATCHUE	MARSHALL	761.03
ADAMS	PETER	1,150.00
ALEX	CRAIG	47,178.70
ALLAIN	RICHARD L	2,540.04
ANDERSON	RUTH	30,347.13
ANDERSON	STEVEN	29,718.43
ANGELICO	VINCENT J JR	667.92
ARMSTRONG	BRENDA JEAN	7,651.16
ARMSTRONG	JULIANNA	5,036.25
ATCHUE	JASON	200.44
ATCHUE	JOSEPH	3,708.73
ATCHUE	RICHARD	2,042.00
ATCHUE	MARILYN	2,734.09
BOURISK	MICHAEL	693
BRAZELL	KYLE	908.38
BAKSTRAN	JOHN	164
BARIL	MARGUERITE	295.44
BARKER	JAMES E	9,963.75
BARKER	ADAM	1,981.44
BARKER	CHERYL A	44,794.09
BARTH	JAMES	73,318.02
BASSETT	JOHN W	886.78
BATES-TARRANT	DONNA	29,460.36
BAVOSI	STEPHEN P	5,828.32
BEAUREGARD	MARK	2,887.21
BEAUREGARD	RONALD A	2,939.72
BELEZARIAN	SELMA	1,315.89
BELLEVILLE	JEFFREY	7,540.16
BENOIT	MARK R	84,508.28
BERGER	ROBERT	61,606.18
BILLINGS	NANCY	41,145.23
BISHOP	STEPHEN	75,526.32
BISSET	SHIRLEY	209.03
BJORN DAL	MICHAEL	11,173.38
BOHABOY JR	CHARLES	61,941.17
BRANDRIFF	MARCIE	36,975.20
BRAWN JR	JAMES R	3,061.10
BRIDGES	SARAH M	96.06
BROOKS	JAYSON	3,552.78
BROOKS	GEORGE R	31,522.38
BROOKS	GEORGE	281.48
BUDGE	MARLENE LOUISE	6,319.83
CHANGARIS	TYLER	870.38
CHOUINARD	DEBORAH	300
COATES	SEAN	825
COLLETTE	DANIELLE	825
COTTON	MARYANN	1,150.00
CADRIN	MICHAEL P.	57,825.00
CARDIN	ALBERT	5,520.84
CARLSON	JOHN	815
CARON	CHRISTOPHER	38,825.03
CASEY	MICHAEL	38,523.03
CASEY	FRANCIS	18,799.63
CASEY	LINDA	125
CEDERBERG	KATHARINE	1,957.77
CERASOLI	CAROL	255.57
CERASOLI	RONALD	101.5
CHAREST	JASON	4,512.08
CHAREST	STEPHEN L	7,130.40

CHARRON	CHRISTINA	1,634.67
CHARTIER	MARTHA	24,370.72
CHILD	NICHOLAS	1,087.66
CLARK	MAUREEN	62,462.16
COLLETTE JR	ROBERT	99,263.73
CONNELLY	BARBARA	16,661.12
CONNORS	NANCY N	40,771.25
CONNORS	RYAN	3,297.47
CORCORAN	NANCY	244.69
CORDA	MICHAEL A	5,716.74
COURNOYER	PAUL	60,825.20
COURNOYER	EVELINE	92.44
COVEL JR.	DONALD	15,017.28
CREPEAU	NORMAND	111,387.56
CROSBY	JAMES C	89,210.03
CROTEAU	JEFF M	150.66
CROUSE	DAVID E	70,338.10
CURRIER	J. ROGER JR	3,339.19
CUSELLA	SAMANTHA	865
DANNA	ROBERT	9,576.50
DAUPHINAIS	CRAIG V	1,150.00
DAVID	JOYCE	94.26
DAVISON	ARTHUR	250.66
DEFAZIO	DOREEN	13,064.00
DEMERS	JUDITH E.	38,678.19
DENNIS	ROSALIND	92.44
DESCHENES	NANCY	97.88
DESROSIERS	RENEE	414
DETTLOFF	LINDA	50,096.48
DEVRIES	MARIANNE	60,239.33
DIDONNA	MARIE	54.38
DION	CARMEN	87.01
DION	RICHARD	186.69
DIURBA	AMANDA	38,888.81
DONAHUE	ROBERT	6,008.48
DONOHUE	DAWN	2,230.40
DOSTIE	JONATHON	2,006.40
DOWLING	ELLEN	266.39
DRAGO	VINCENT J.	52,738.48
DRUMM	MICHELLE	58,963.83
DUHAMEL	GEORGE	11,453.08
DUHANI	TOMA	48,287.13
DUVAL	SUSAN	250
EGAN	JEFFREY	1,029.07
EGAN	ROBERT N	2,552.41
EKO	ALISON	3,306.26
ENGLISH	PATRICIA J	20,434.29
ENMAN	ALEXANDER	1,574.72
ERICKSON	DAVID B	6,106.35
ERICSON	MARJORIE	72.5
FINN	ALISON	2,807.28
FADEN	WILLIAM	2,395.59
FARRELL	THOMAS J	58,414.41
FAY	PATRICIA	72,280.74
FAY	JOHN J	101.51
FIACCO	SUSAN M	6,303.15
FITZPATRICK	DYLAN	1,081.25
FLYNN	DENNIS	1,836.04
FLYNN	ROSEMARY	45.31
FOX	DEBORAH	28,764.38
FREDERICO	THOMAS	48,065.41
FREDERICO JR	ROBERT	8,285.86

FRENCH	STEVEN	6,231.65	LEMAY	CHRISTOPER	1,150.00
FRENCH	THOMAS	20,546.19	LEBLANC	GERALD F	500
GAGNON	BETTY JO	29,544.00	LEGASSEY	DAWN	37,621.02
GALLAGHER	KEVIN	43,767.20	LETO	SUSAN	16,027.95
GALLAGHER	DANIEL	970.48	LEVITAN	ASHLEY	103.8
GARDZINA	BERNARD	164	LIBUDA	STEPHEN	13,433.69
GARDZINA	ADAM	2,357.47	LIPSCOMB JR	RONALD	14.37
GASCO	RYAN	100	LONG SR	ALAN A	13,867.09
GAUTHIER	KAREN LEE	22,300.87	LOVE	JOHN	1,086.55
GAUTHIER	PHILIP LEON	14,442.05	LUFKIN	JUNE	125
GAUTHIER	MICHAEL E	18,878.56	LUNIEWICZ	LOIS	61,180.59
GAUVIN	STEVEN W	2,003.36	LUPO LLL	NICHOLAS	1,054.18
GEISENHAINER	CARYL	645.36	MALONE	KELLY	895.13
GENDRON	THERESA	261	MORGAN	GRACE	858
GENDRON	EDWARD	2,558.07	MACKOWIAK	JOAN	101.51
GIROUARD	DONNA M.	38,682.81	MAGLIARO	STEVEN J	711.01
GIROUX	JUSTIN	2,636.11	MAHONEY	ROY	48,722.55
GLISPIN	JENNIE	761.03	MAHONEY	BRENDAN	8,531.95
GOMEZ	JESSICA	44,131.64	MAHONY	MARION	32.63
GOODSPEED	DALE	501.76	MARA	BEVERLY	50.75
GOSSELIN	ALBERT	2,971.76	MARSHALL	OLIVETTE M.	761.03
GRAHAM	HEATHER	1,498.72	MASJOAN	RICHARD	44,124.80
GUILMETTE	RAYMOND A	12,763.51	MATHIEU	ERIC J	1,698.67
GWOZDOWSKI GAUVIN	KAREN	300	MAYNARD	MATTHEW	3,592.50
HAYES	JACQUELINE	761.03	MAYNARD III	JOSEPH	49,156.86
HEMINGWAY	PAULA	221.88	MAZZOLA	MICHAEL A	92,712.36
HOUDE	DUSTIN	1,365.39	MCCANN	BRIAN J	3,079.72
HYMAN	JESSICA	3,050.80	MCCARTHY	JEFFREY	240.83
HAFFTY	JOANN RITA	39,202.87	MCINERNEY	TIMOTHY	120,437.80
HAFFTY	KRISTIN	743.68	MCINNIS	BRET	2,878.84
HALE	ELVIN	12,454.75	MCINNIS	KAREN FREDERICO	270.88
HARRINGTON JR	JOHN C.	112,751.91	MCKENZIE	JUDITH	761.03
HAZEN	NANCY J	52,136.01	MCNAMEE	CAROLINE	1,795.68
HEDBERG	HILDING	64,857.55	MEAD	RAYMOND E	1,400.00
HEFFERNAN	PATRICK	1,815.85	MERCIER	CYNTHIA	16,515.80
HOLMES	GALEN L	7,824.83	MERENDA	ANTHONY	7,306.72
HOPKINS	CONSTANCE	137.75	MERRICK	JUNE	72.5
HOWES	JAMIE	8,924.76	MESSINGER	GARY A	50,822.11
HUCHOWSKI	JAMES	67,359.56	METIVIER	FRANCIS M	1,625.42
HULBERT	ALVIN C.	64,953.96	METIVIER	DORIS ANN	258.94
HURLEY	CHARLES J	1,372.24	MICHNIEWICZ	THOMAS	9,955.20
IDE	CYNTHIA	43,479.56	MILLS	MICHAEL	12,374.34
JACQUES	JOHN	41,586.57	MILLS	BRETT	3,140.39
JOHN	ERIC	2,276.20	MINARDI	NEIL A	77,640.16
JOHNSON	BRIAN	1,120.86	MITCHELL	DAVID	3,446.00
JOHNSON	PHILIP	60,106.21	MORGAN	ANN	42,430.58
KIMINSKI	MARK	96	MORO	JAMES	2,251.09
KALINOWSKI	TAMMY	36,630.55	MULCAHY	THOMAS F	1,162.37
KELLEY	LISA	4,333.50	MULVEY	THOMAS J	1,020.70
KINCHLA	DONNA	37,804.22	MURPHY	TIMOTHY	13,297.31
KING	ERNEST	40,519.81	MURRAY	MARY P.	40,040.86
KIREJCZYK	RICHARD J	300	NADEAU	JOSHUA	295.84
KOPKO	YAJAILA	32,793.81	NICHOLSON	WILLIAM H	2,793.03
KRAUSE	JANET	45.31	NICHOLSON	BRADLEY	294.59
KUCK	WILLIAM G	65,962.38	NICHOLSON	SCOTT	998.71
LEONARD	KEVIN	825	NOVICK	RICHARD	7,537.26
LLOYD	RANDY	192	O'BRIEN	JAMES	273.03
LANKFORD	JAMES	411.86	O'BRIEN	JAMES	4,225.52
LASHMIT	NATALIE	1,429.68	O'GRADY	KENNETH	200.44
LAVALLEE	KANDY	30,890.56	O'NEIL	JENNIFER M	58,964.79
LEBLANC	EILEEN	17,350.46	O'ROURKE	LIAM FRANCIS	93,687.18
LEBLANC	SCOTT	832.33	ONORATO	DANIEL	3,590.15

ONORATO	CHRISTIAN	5,110.73	SIMS	EUGENIA	865
ORNE	DARLENE P.	25.38	SJOGREN	NANCY J	1,661.25
OUILLETTE	JOHN	180.69	SMITH	STEPHEN	2,888.00
PELLEGRINI	MICHELLE	693	SNYDER	ROBERT	35,455.64
PETERS	ERNEST	225	SNYDER	JONATHON	11,380.47
PETIT	JILLIAN	646.43	STINES	DANIEL	7,587.27
PRUNIER	JANET	123.26	STIRK	DOUGLAS	47,844.89
PADGETT	BROOK	1,150.00	SWIFT	MICHAEL RICHARD	91,580.47
PADGETT	SEAN	500	SZCZURKO	BRIAN	56,116.93
PATRAITIS	GERALD	1,665.92	SZTUBA	I. JOYCE	14,271.24
PAUL	CHARLES	4,572.64	TEAGUE	EDWARD	7,450.84
PAULASKAS	NANCY	45.31	TEIXEIRA	ANDREW	1,588.63
PELLIGRINO	CHARLOTTE	683.92	TIMINS	ALFRED	5,449.96
PENNELL	JAMES F	937	TAFT	ROBERT	27,269.15
PERRON	RICHARD E	11,510.86	TAYLOR SR	JOHN R	532
PHILLIPS	BRUCE M	3,478.65	THERRIEN	DAVID L	500
PHILLIPS	JUSTIN	125	THURLOW	LYNN	28,755.18
PICHIERRI	PATRICIA	2,622.75	THURLOW	ELIZABETH	37,893.24
PICHIERRI	DAMIAN	50,358.24	TIDMAN	ELINOR F.	34,054.94
PICOTTE	LORRAINE	35,068.52	TONELLI	MAKENZIE	2,099.60
PLANTE	BRIANNA	958.5	TRIPP	WAYNE D.	98,791.21
PLATT	PHILIP	322.56	TRIPP	TYLER	257.73
PLATT	MARSHA RANKIN	674	TRIPP	PAULA J	451.54
PLOSS	EUGENE G	6,602.04	TURCOTTE	MARY	312.88
POLLINGER	PAUL	43,241.34	VAN COTT	CHARLENE	346.89
POWERS	THELMA	21.75	WESGAN	TRACY	1,780.36
PRINCE	AMANDA	1,884.80	WAHLGREN	ROBERT	726.53
PROUT	CAROLINE	54.38	WAKELIN	MADelyn	1,884.80
PROVOST	ARLENE	99.69	WARD	DANIEL	22,275.89
REILLY	STEPHANIE	845	WEBBER	ZACHARY	68.24
RYNNING	MELISSA	857.68	WELCH	MARC	1,623.34
RAYMOND	DIANE	761.03	WENC	DANIEL	75,531.99
REARDON	CAROLYN	5,674.74	WHITNEY	LAURIE	532.13
REMILLARD	ROBERT	1,188.10	WILCOX-ANDERSON	MARILYN	17,178.31
REMINGTON	MICHAEL	2,796.88	WILHIDE III	ROBERT	4,356.14
RISOTTI	STEPHEN	20,506.25	WINSLOW	WAYNE A	3,833.02
ROBERTS	DARYL	36,580.04	WITHAM	SUZANNE	14,900.15
ROBIDOUX	WILIAM	16,838.37	WIXON	GAIL LORD	125.07
ROGERS	JOHN	39,746.73	WOJNAR	MARK	13,716.78
ROGERS	SUSAN	37,666.03	WOOD	TIMOTHY	937
RONEY	STEPHEN H	3,507.68	WOOD	PAUL	1,774.00
ROPIAK	JOHN	88,438.54	WOOD	MATTHEW	1,556.38
ROSEEN	CAROL ANN	332.88	WOOTEN	JAMES M	3,975.31
ROSS	JAMES M	1,372.24	WRIGHT	ELIZABETH	53,603.46
RUSSELL	RAYMOND	842.21	WYPYSZINSKI	CHARLES	2,921.98
RYBAK	MICHAEL	80,957.01	ZONA	PETER	825
SERAFIN	LEAH	3,264.96	ZALESKI	BRENDA	90.63
SHEEHAN	ALEXANDRA	980.2	ZWICKER	JAYNE E	21,428.98
SHERIDAN	PATRICK	3,420.06	BACHAND	WILLIAM	1,953.44
SMITH	ALEXANDER	1,967.36	BROADBENT	THOMAS	2,619.40
SAUBER	NICOLE	3,873.72	CHARLTON	MARIA	1,767.57
SCHOFIELD	JAMES	4,608.64	DAVID	MARK	1,262.27
SCHULTZE	RICHARD	16,168.76	DONOVAN	KAITLYN	1,402.51
SCLAR	JON	40,307.94	DUMAS	PHILIP	200
SEIDLER	EDWARD	7,296.00	FOLEY	JOAN	47.13
SHEEHAN	SAMANTHA	4,560.20	NASH	KELLIE	792
SHEEHAN	JESSICA	4,514.26	PIADER	JASON	437.76
SHERIDAN	JOHN	819.82	SEELY	DARREN	1,921.28
SHUMEYKO	ROBERT	639.47	SMITH	NICHOLE	862.13
SILVERBERG	PAUL	3,333.84	SOWYRDA	BRIAN	1,274.63

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR****BANK ACCOUNTS****PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$1,000.00**

Century Bank	\$2,673.50
Coppola & Coppola	\$6,995.49
Data National	\$13,301.24
Greendale Condominium	\$2,200.00
Harpers Payroll Service	\$27,489.05
Kelley & Ryan Associates	\$2,545.73
Mark Altman & Associates	\$17,687.76
N Star	\$1,286.54
National Grid	\$1,118.57
Office Depot	\$1,554.42
Paul H. Murphy	\$2,449.08
Richard Tartaglia	\$4,797.54
The Solutions Group	\$34,998.75
Unibank Financial Advisors	\$2,000.00

Cash on Hand	\$1,040.00
Bank of America	\$1,023,576.55
Bartholomew & Co Trust Funds	\$6,259,895.02
Century Bank	\$1,790,542.52
Citizens Bank	\$627,582.90
Fidelity Bank	\$1,604,425.13
First Trade Union Bank	\$2,047,027.98
Mellon	\$2,429,352.40
MMDT	\$4,219,274.63
Savers Co-Operative	\$247,073.35
Sovereign	\$107,271.77
TD Banknorth	\$1,541,194.85
Unibank	\$1,143,463.40
Webster Bank	\$87,561.98
Balance as of 6/30/09	\$23,129,282.48

**SALARIES IN EXCESS OF \$1,000.00**

Deborah A. Fox	\$28,764.38
Karen Gauthier	\$22,300.87
Jessica Gomez	\$44,131.64
JoAnn Haffty	\$39,202.87
Kandy Lavallee	\$30,890.56
Susan Rogers	\$37,666.03

**DEBT**

	<b>Outstanding July 1, 2008</b>	<b>New Debt</b>	<b>Retirement of Debt</b>	<b>Outstanding June 30, 2009</b>	<b>Interest Paid FY 2009</b>
<b>Long Term Debt</b>					
Sewer Loan 1998	\$1,650,000	\$-	\$(1,650,000)	\$-	\$75,240
Police Station	\$3,625,000	\$-	\$(625,000)	\$3,000,000	\$139,156
Septic Loan Program	\$50,454	\$-	\$(4,212)	\$46,242	
School Building 2000	\$2,375,000	\$-	\$(475,000)	\$1,900,000	\$67,094
Fire Station		\$5,500,000	\$-	\$5,500,000	\$152,900
Pell farm		\$1,155,000	\$-	\$1,155,000	
Sewer Refunding		\$1,345,000	\$-	\$1,345,000	
Modulars	\$-	\$750,000	\$-	\$750,000	
Subtotal	\$7,700,454	\$8,750,000	\$(2,754,212)	\$13,696,242	\$434,390
<b>Short Term Debt</b>					
Fire Station	\$4,900,000		\$(4,900,000)	\$-	\$195,456
Feasibility Study		\$300,000		\$300,000	\$-
Subtotal	\$4,900,000	\$300,000	\$(4,900,000)	\$300,000	\$195,456
Grand Total	\$12,600,454	\$9,050,000	\$(7,654,212)	\$13,996,242	\$629,846

# TAXES

OUTSTANDING July 1, 2008	COMMITMENTS	RECEIPTS	ABATEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS	TRANSFER TO TAX TITLE	REFUNDS	OUTSTANDING June 30, 2009
0.00	24,552,858.98	23,963,450.31	224,309.36	104.70	0.00	88,671.93	453,875.94
473,157.80	12,632.28	332,751.74	24,217.11	0.00	0.00	72,115.26	200,936.49
173,970.42	0.00	58,692.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,241.37	129,518.88
63,612.04	0.00	11,810.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,794.44	55,596.05
9,648.42	0.00	8,461.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,187.07
0.00	523,613.74	541,745.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-18,132.18
5,510.13	0.00	2,166.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.96	3,415.30
2,069.19	0.00	48.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,020.42
2,448.62	0.00	51.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,397.43
3,646.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,646.29
0.00	1,683,249.21	1,593,976.04	22,827.10	107.73	0.00	8,851.60	75,405.40
228,839.85	266,180.67	443,457.69	23,886.89	0.00	0.00	15,166.65	42,842.59
77,263.05	17,822.53	69,707.52	4,903.56	0.00	0.00	4,005.57	24,480.07
25,088.64	0.00	6,225.49	504.17	0.00	0.00	504.17	18,863.15
18,753.16	0.00	3,430.11	63.73	0.00	0.00	88.23	15,347.55



## RESIDENTIAL INTEREST LIST



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Training/Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of time available: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulance Committee                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Grafton Cultural Council           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Health *                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Registrars of Voters      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Selectmen *                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grafton Housing Trust              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology Committee     | <input type="checkbox"/> Cable Advisory Committee           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cable Television Oversight Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council on Aging                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Commission                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constable                            | <input type="checkbox"/> By-law Review Committee #          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charter Review Committee #           | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Commission                | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic District Commission       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Board of Trustees *          | <input type="checkbox"/> Dept of Public Works Advisory Comm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel Board                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board *                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Commission                | <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Committee                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town Report Committee                | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals            |

\* Indicates an elected board

# Indicates cyclical need

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Committee Name

I would like to volunteer for the following work \_\_\_\_\_

The filling out of this form in no way assures appointment. All committee vacancies will be filled by citizens deemed most qualified to serve in a particular capacity. If you are interested in serving on an appointed town committee please fill out this form and mail or email to: Town Administrator

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